

GIFTS TO WORLD MISSIONS SOAR IN

Co-Op Program In Sharp Increase

NASHVILLE (BP) — Even as early as January the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts have shown a decided increase over those of 1956.

January Cooperative Program gifts were \$1,312,664, as against \$1,082,933 during January, 1956. Of this money, the Southern Baptist Foreign Board has received \$542,917, and the Southern Baptist Home Mission board \$184,954.

Total giving for this year so far amounts to \$2,772,083. This includes money contributed thru the Cooperative Program and that which is given in designated gifts by donors who specified exactly how they wanted the money used. Money given thru the Cooperative Program is shared by Convention agencies on a percentage basis approved annually by the Convention session.

The operating and capital needs section of this year's budget is \$11 million and the recommended budget goal for 1958 — including both operating, capital needs, and the Advance portion — is \$16½ million.

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Japanese 'Suicide Pilot' Tells Of His Conversion

NEW YORK (RNS) — A former Japanese "suicide" pilot, now a Protestant minister, told here how the impact of Christian literature — and a girl — converted him to Christianity.

The Rev. Sakae Kobayashi, a minister of the United Church of Christ in Japan, told his story to the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' Committee on World Literature and Christian Literature.

He was a suicide pilot at the age of 21. One day in 1945 he was sitting in the cockpit of his plane in Tokyo waiting to take off on a mission from which he knew he would not return. While the propellers were warming up a ground crewman ran to tell him that Japan had surrendered.

"I went home despondent and bitter," he said. "My house had been burned, my mother and grandmother killed. There was no food, no work."

Mr. Kobayashi said the only work he could get was in an oil refinery. There he met a girl who showed him the New Testament she was reading, "the religion of my enemies." She persuaded him to go to church with her. Mr. Kobayashi reported, and out of curiosity he did. The sermon he heard that day dealt with the theme of loving one's enemies.

"Nevertheless," he said, "I went again and discovered the newness of life that Christianity brings." Mr. Kobayashi entered a theological seminary the following year and he and the girl were married.

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Faith Healer's Damage Suit Is Dismissed

MIAMI, Fla. (RNS) — A \$75,000 damage suit against the late Rev. Jack Coe, Texas faith healer, was dismissed by Federal Judge Emmett C. Choate.

The judge granted a defense motion for summary judgment in the suit brought by the parents of three-year-old George Clark, a polio victim. The parents charged the child was injured when Mr. Coe told them he was cured and ordered braces removed from his legs.

The suit grew out of the faith healer's meetings here in February, 1956. Mr. Coe died last Dec. 17, a victim of bulbar polio.

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Hotel In Honolulu Is Beginning Sunday Religious Services

HONOLULU, T. H. (RNS) — The Hawaiian Village Hotel in Waikiki, owned by industrialist Henry J. Kaiser, has started Sunday religious services for its guests.

This is the first time that a hotel in a resort area here has provided worship services for visitors.

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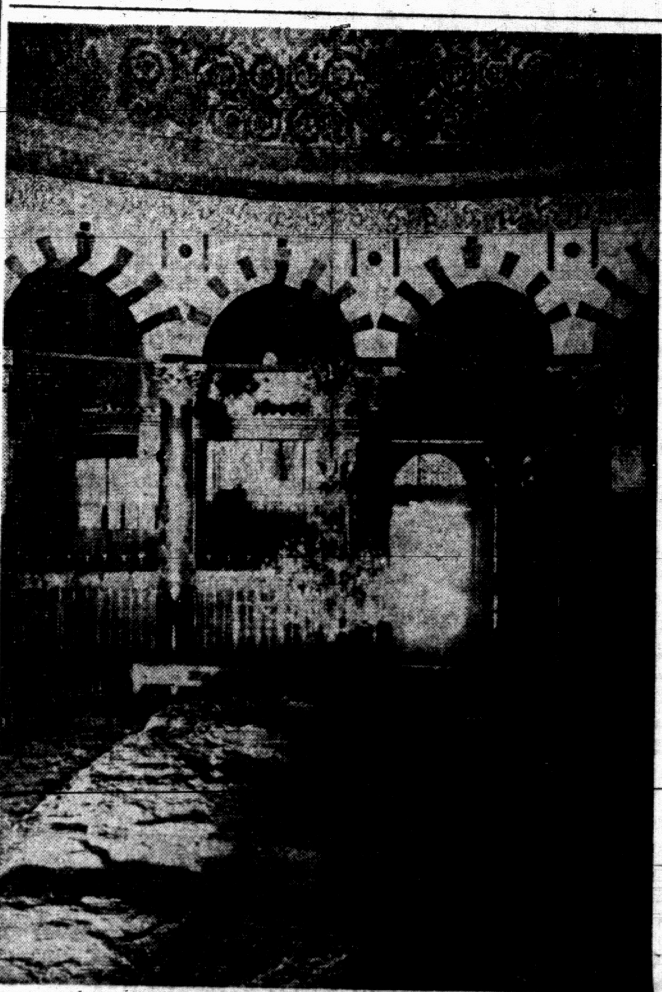
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THE DOME OF THE ROCK

This Sacred Rock in a grotto of the Moslem Mosque in Jerusalem traditionally marks the site where Solomon's Temple once stood. The mosque, first built in the 7th century A. D., is also known as the Dome of the Rock. According to tradition this rock also was the site where Patriarch Abraham was about to sacrifice his son, Isaac, when an angel of the Lord forbade him. (RNS Photo).

\$10,000 Given To Bapt. Loan Fund

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP) — William Fleming, who in recent years has been generous to many Southern Baptist activities, has offered to contribute \$10,000 to the loan fund of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

Fleming stipulated that the Oregon-Washington convention must match his gift with a like amount in order to receive the donation.

R. E. Milam, executive secretary of the convention, reported that Baptists in the two states will launch a campaign to raise the \$10,000 to match Fleming's offer. Deadline for raising the funds is Apr. 1.

The loan fund probably would be handled by the new Northwest Baptist Foundation, an agency of the Oregon-Washington convention.

Fleming's gifts have aided growth of Southern Baptist work in several Western states. They have also been donated to several agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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RELIGIOUS EDITOR SEES —

Diversity Church Life In Washington

WASHINGTON (BP) — "There is a diversity in church life in Washington that does not exist elsewhere," Casper Nannes, religion editor of the Washington Star told Southern Baptist editors here.

Nannes, current president of Religious Newswriters Association, said this diversity influences the reporting of church news in the Nation's capital.

There are several elements to this different pattern of church life, he said, among them:

1. "There is an annual membership turnover in churches of 40 to 50 per cent, most pastors

Moore Elected To Mission Post By Illinois Baptists

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP) — E. Harmon Moore, secretary of stewardship and missions of the Illinois Baptist State Association, has been elected associate executive secretary in charge of missions.

Moore will continue to direct the mission program in Illinois and will work under the direction of the missions committee. In addition he will assist in the general promotional work done by the office of the executive secretary.

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Ground Broken At Stetson For Library

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (BP) — Ground has been broken for the half-million dollar law library building at Stetson Law Center here.

Dana Law Library, as the new building will be known, is the first new unit of the Stetson Law Center.

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Evangelistic Conference In Meridian Meet

"God's purpose for the world is a redemptive purpose," Dr. C. Y. Dossey, of Dallas, Texas, told the State Evangelistic Conference in its opening session in Meridian on Monday night of this week.

Dr. Dossey, associate in the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, further declared that the purpose of God for every Christian is to make disciples.

"We find as we study our New Testament that every Christian in the New Testament was a soul-winner," he stated as he urged every Christian today to likewise make disciples.

Going further he said "It is God's purpose that human instrumentality be used in carrying out His purpose."

The speaker pointed to the record and effectiveness of the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism since its inauguration in 1947.

1957 thus marks the tenth anniversary of this program now used by Southern Baptists. There were 2,233,340 baptisms during the 10 years prior to 1947, the speaker pointed out.

There have been 3,509,285 baptisms the past 10 years that the program has been used, or a gain of 127,945.

The annual conference began Monday night at 6:45 in Meridian's downtown First Church. At press time this week, Tuesday noon, the conference was going strong with adjournment set for Wednesday noon.

Up to 1000 were expected to register. Immediately after the opening song and praise service Monday night Dr. Walter L. Moore, host pastor, welcomed the Baptists to the church and city and county.

Following was an introduction of the conference program by Dr. Joe T. Odle, state Baptist associate secretary and conference director. Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, presided. Special music and messages by three speakers concluded the evening session. These were: Rev. John Maddox, Picayune; Dr. Dossey and Rev. John Haggar, evangelist of Atlanta, Ga.

The conference program was resumed Tuesday morning at 8:50 with Rev. Deb Stennis of Meridian in the chair. Speakers were: Dr. Perry Claxton, Greenville; Mr. Haggar; Rev. Ivor Clark, Macon; Dr. Hardee Kennedy, of New Orleans Seminary, and Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Monroe, La.

Pastors and other church and associational leaders were present from every section of the state. Some were commuting while others were staying in Meridian homes, motels and hotels.

A tract room was set up at the host church which was proving to be a favorite haunt of the brethren.

Cooperating in sponsoring the annual event was the Lauderdale County Association. Rev. Troy Prince is superintendent of missions. The evangelistic conference is sponsored annually by the State Convention Board. Dr. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer and is a part of the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism.

State-Run Marriage Agencies Now Being Planned In Poland

WARSAW (RNS) — The Warsaw Radio announced that state-run marriage agencies are being planned in this country. It said groups in various centers will handle advertising for those seeking husbands or wives.

Late BULLETINS From Around The World

By Religious News Service

NEW HYDE PARK, N. Y. — The Jewish Community Council here announced it is opposed to efforts to post the Ten Commandments in the New Hyde Park public schools.

DENVER — Three Denver Roman Catholic churches have adopted a "locked door" policy in the wake of a recent series of maliciously-set church fires and petty thievery, and others of various denominations are expected to follow suit.

NEW YORK — President Eisenhower will serve as honorary chairman of Brotherhood Week Feb. 17-24, it was announced here by Louis B. Seitzer, editor of the Cleveland Press who is national chairman for the observance.

WARSAW — Twelve Roman Catholics elected to parliament in the recent Polish national elections have pledged joint efforts to bring about full religious teaching in the nation's schools.

GENEVA — A second All-Africa Lutheran Conference will be held in 1960. Dr. Fridtjov Birke, director of the Lutheran World Federation's Department of World Missions, announced here on his return from an African tour.

TRENTON, N. J. — Sen. Walter H. Jones (R-Bergen County) introduced in the Senate an amendment to the absentee voting law that would recognize presentation of a certificate of disability from a "duly accredited Christian Science practitioner" as well as from a licensed physician.

LA JUNTA, Colo. — A valley-wide day of prayer for passage of a bill in Congress proposing a multi-million dollar Fryling pan-Arkansas transmountain water diversion project was advocated here by Milt Andrus, manager of the La Junta Chamber of Commerce.

Georgia Editor Heads SBC Press Association

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — John J. Hurt of Atlanta, Ga., was elected president of the Southern Baptist Press Association at its annual meeting here. He is the editor of the Christian Index and formerly was on the staff of the Associated Press.

Mr. Hurt succeeds Dr. H. H. McGinty of Jefferson City, Mo., editor of World and Way.

Dr. E. S. James of Dallas, Tex., editor of the Baptist Standard, was elected vice-president. Hoyt S. Gibson of Wichita, Kan., editor of the Baptist Digest, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the annual conference of the executive secretaries of the 24-state Conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

T. B. Lackey, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, was elected president of the secretaries' group. Lucius M. Polhill, executive secretary, Baptist General Association of Virginia, was elected vice-president, and Earl Harding, executive secretary, Missouri Baptist General Association, was elected secretary.

15,963 Baptized Last Year Greenville Second In Lead



REV. M. E. PERRY, above is pastor of the Second Church, Greenville, the leading church in the state in baptisms last year.

Building Survey Is Being Made

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (RNS) — A survey is now being conducted by the Survey, Statistics, and Information Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board to determine the building needs and plans of Southern Baptist churches.

J. P. Edmunds, department secretary, said that thousands of Baptist churches are even now remodeling or beginning the construction of additional buildings.

The survey will give a rather complete picture of what Southern Baptists are doing in meeting the physical needs of their growing churches, Edmunds said.

Announcement of the results of this survey will be made thru the press, the Sunday School Board NEWSLETTER, and other channels.

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Illinois Baptist Work Product of Many Years

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP) — The years 1906-07 were busy ones for Baptists in Illinois.

Organized Southern Baptist work began when members of the denomination met in Pinckneyville Jan. 31, 1907, to form the Illinois Baptist State Association. Their organizational meeting followed by only three months the formation of the Illinois Baptist State Convention, which has become affiliated with the present American Baptist Convention.

The first Baptist church of any kind in Illinois dates to 1796, when the Baptist Church of New Design (near St. Louis) was organized. Work in the New Design community had been in progress however since 1787.

B. F. Rodman served as first executive secretary, or financial secretary as the position was then known, of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

In October, 1909, the Association voted to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention in home and foreign mission work. In 1910, at Baltimore, Md., messengers from Illinois were seated at the Southern Baptist Convention.

At the beginning of Southern Baptist work in Illinois, there

Mississippi Baptist baptized 15,963 persons into the fellowship of their churches during the past associational year, 1955-56, according to figures released at the State Evangelistic Conference held this week in Meridian.

This was a decrease of 803 under the 16,766 baptized during the previous associational year, 1954-55.

Dr. Joe T. Odle, associate executive secretary and evangelistic conference director, declared: "In the light of the above figures it is imperative that we major on evangelism."

"Every church and every pastor is urged to work toward reaching our objective of 20,000 baptisms this associational year. 'The drop in the number of baptisms the past year reveals the emphasis that must be given to evangelism this year.'"

Figures released also revealed that 56 churches baptized 40 or more persons each during the past associational year, 1955-56.

Greenville Second Leads — Leading the entire state was Second Church, Greenville, Rev. M. E. Perry, pastor, with 113 baptisms. Following closely were Crestwood Church, Jackson, Rev. Robert Martin, pastor, and East Moss Point Church, Rev. John Hilburn, pastor, with 112 each.

Next in order were two Hinds County churches, with 100 each. They were: Calvary Jackson, Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, pastor, and Van Winkle Church, Rev. Herman Miller, pastor.

Following next were Main St. Church, Hattiesburg, Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor, 97; Parkway Church, Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor, 93; Grace Memorial Church, Gulf Coast Association, 93; First Church, Gulfport, Dr. Landrum Leavell, pastor, 82; and Northside Church, Jackson, Rev. W. Henry Crouch, pastor, 79.

The complete list of 86 churches turn to page two.

Graham Addresses Southern Grads



Southern Seminary's commencement speaker Billy Graham (right) talks with graduating student Alastair Walker of Scotland (left) and Seminary President Duke K. McCall at the mid-session commencement of the Seminary. One hundred students received degrees.—Louisville Courier-Journal Photo.

Stassen Asserts Prayer Is Great Power For Peace

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Harold E. Stassen, special assistant to President Eisenhower for disarmament problems, told a youth rally here sponsored by the Washington Federation of churches that "the greatest power for peace comes from the prayers and work of people of good-will."

Mr. Stassen was one of a group of adult lay leaders who were put through a vigorous evening at Constitution Hall by 3,000 teenagers at the rally which climaxed the observance of Youth Week in the nation's capital.

Asked whether the atomic bomb is a greater deterrent to war than prayer, Mr. Stassen said that while the bomb is a strong deterrent, in the building of real peace "we need the common denominator of fundamental religious beliefs."

Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, denied that learning to kill in military training destroys religious beliefs. He said that "we have a need for what we call a Christian soldier."

"As long as there are other people who do not believe in God, we will need soldiers to protect us and our beliefs from extinction," Gen. Hershey said, "but no one becomes a soldier because he wants to, and we do not kill because we want to. We are a Christian army because we will fight only when we must."

Audio-Visual Meet Dates Announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSB)—Dates for four audio-visual aids workshops to be held this year have been announced by Earl Waldrup, secretary, Audio-Visual Aids Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The first of these workshops will be held April 29-May 3 at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, followed by one June 17-20 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Aug. 8-15 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, New Mexico, and August 22-28 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, N. C.

Churches Leading In Baptisms In 1956

This is a list of the 56 churches in the state which, according to the 1956 Associational Reports, baptized 40 or more persons during the associational year 1956.

The numerals reveal the actual position of the church in the list. For example, Hattiesburg, Main Street, is actually number 6 as shown; although there is no number 5 since Calvary and Van Winkle are tied for 4th place.

1 Greenville, Second	Washington	115
2 Crestwood	Hinds	112
East Moss Point	Jackson	112
4 Calvary	Hinds	100
Van Winkle	Hinds	100
6 Main St., Hattiesburg	Lebanon	97
7 Parkway	Hinds	93
Grace Memorial	Gulf Coast	93
9 Gulfport, First	Gulf Coast	82
10 Northside	Hinds	79
11 Louisville, First	Winston	78
12 Daniel Memorial	Hinds	76
Greenville, First	Washington	76
14 Starkville First	Oktibbeha	72
15 Crowder	Riverside	70
16 Brookhaven, First	Lincoln	69
Southside	Lauderdale	69
18 East Howard, Biloxi	Gulf Coast	68
Columbia, First	Marion	68
20 Harvey	Lebanon	66
21 Calvary, Pascagoula	Jackson	65
20 Harvey	Lebanon	65
21 Calvary, Pascagoula	Jackson	65
22 Highland	Lauderdale	62
23 Harrisburg, Tupelo	Lee	61
24 Grenada, First	Grenada	60
25 West Jackson	Hinds	59
26 Biloxi, First	Gulf Coast	57
Plymouth	Lowndes	57
Eastlawn, Pascagoula	Jackson	57
29 Jackson, First	Hinds	56
30 Center Terrace, Canton	Madison	52
Riverside, Pascagoula	Jackson	52
Alta Woods	Hinds	52
33 Tupelo, Second	Lee	51
34 Northside	Warren	50
35 Emmanuel	Grenada	49
Batesville, First	Panola	49
Natchez, First	Union	49
38 Long Beach	Gulf Coast	48
39 Broadmoor	Hinds	47
Temple	Lebanon	47
Greenwood, Calvary	Leflore	47
42 Parkway, Greenville	Washington	46
Greenwood, First	Leflore	46
44 Durant, First	Holmes	44
Pascagoula, First	Jackson	44
Westview	Hinds	44
47 Columbus, First	Lowndes	42
48 Quigman	Clarke	41
Poplar Springs	Lauderdale	41
Hattiesburg, First	Lebanon	41
Immanuel	Lebanon	41
52 Tupelo, Calvary	Lee	40
Clarksdale, Riverside	Riverside	40
Vicksburg, First	Warren	40
Escatawpa	Jackson	40
Petal, First	Lebanon	40

Billy Graham urged graduating students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to "speak with fervency and fire" in his recent address at the school's mid-session commencement.

"Nazism had fire, fascism had fire, communism has fire. Let's make Christianity a religion of fire," he admonished.

Dr. Graham spoke in the Seminary's Alumni Memorial Chapel, which was filled to capacity with graduates—an even hundred—their families and friends.

Himself "an honorary alumnus" of Southern Seminary, Graham gave the graduating students this advice:

Urges Simplicity
1. Be authoritative in your preaching. Unless the church becomes authoritative "I predict there will be a tremendous turning away from the church in the next generation."

2. Make your message one of simplicity. Remember your congregation has not had the privilege of several years at the Seminary.

3. Make your message relevant. Someone has said ministers are answering questions from the pulpit that nobody is asking.

4. Make your message decisive. Urge men to make a decision for Christ.

Sinai Monastery Is Reported Unharmed

A United Nations mission reported that St. Catherine's monastery and its priceless relics had escaped damage in the Egyptian-Israeli hostilities.

Reports from Egyptian sources had said advancing Israeli forces looted the ancient monastery, which is in the Sinai desert and is believed to have been built by Emperor Justinian in memory of St. Catherine of Alexandria.

The United Nations Emergency Force sent a mission to check the reports and carry supplies to the monastery's 11 monks.

A United Nations spokesman said that the monastery area still was occupied by Israeli troops and the historic building was undamaged.

MIAMI (RNS)—A five-member citizens' advisory committee told Dade County school trustees that proposals to give religious instruction to public school pupils are unwise.

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General Heads Welfare Agency For Evangelicals



Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, Lieutenant General William K. Harrison, soon to retire from the United States Army, has accepted an appointment as executive director of the Evangelical Welfare Agency.

The organization is the Chicago subsidiary of the Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals, and its program is the placement of orphaned or deserted children in Christian homes for adoption or foster care.

General Harrison will begin his civilian career March 1, following 40 years of service in the United States Army. He entered military life during World War I. His first assignment was with the First Cavalry at Camp Lawrence J. Hearn, California, and Douglas, Arizona. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the cavalry in 1917.

Following the war, he served on the Army's language detail in France and Spain, after which he did duty at various posts in this country. He was made captain in 1920; major in 1932; colonel in 1941; then brigadier general, major general and finally lieutenant general in 1952.

General Harrison has long been noted for his Christian leadership. Throughout his years of military service he was active in aiding his men spiritually, both by private counsel and public speaking in army chapels.

Kerr Says Baptists Should Set Up Parochial Schools

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Senator Robert Kerr (D-Okla.), an active Southern Baptist layman, urged here that the denomination set up its own parochial schools.

Such schools are necessary, he told the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association, to give elementary and high school education a greater Christian emphasis.

Southern Baptist church school plants, Sen. Kerr said, could be utilized for the parochial schools which would be supported by Baptists.

Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.), chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, addressed the editors on "The Commonwealth"—a Christian Workshop. He stressed the "continuing need" for applying moral judgments to society.

A feature of the association's sessions here was three lectures on religious journalism by Jas. W. Cart, Jr., religious news editor of The Nashville Tennessean. His topics were "Evangelism Through the Press," "Dynamic Make-up," and "Writing for Christ's Sake."

Dr. Emanuel C. Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on World Affairs, discussed the legislative materials available to religious journals. Dr. Carlson also talked to the editors on the "Objectives of Denominational Journalism" and "The Stewardship of Influence."

Among the other speakers were Dr. William B. Lipphard, executive secretary of the Associated Church Press; Caspar H. Nannes, religious news editor of The Washington Star; Dr. Arnold T. Ohn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; and Lillian R. Block, assistant managing editor of Religious News Service.



Student Summer Missionaries Chosen

The eight young people shown above have been chosen as summer missionaries by the state Baptist Student Union.

Top row, left to right, are: Jose Orraca, Mississippi College, appointed to Mexico; Curtis Bruege, Mississippi College, who will go to Alaska; Hazel Prestridge, Southwest Junior College, who was appointed as a missionary to the Northwest; and Earl Edmonson, Mississippi College, who will also serve in the Northwest.

Bottom row, left to right are: Ida Beryl Sims, William Carey College, who will serve in the Illinois-Ohio area; Paul Cassibry, Mississippi College, missionary to the Mississippi Indians; Phillip Cassibry, summer missionary to the Mississippi Negroes; and Janice Miller, Southwest Junior College, who was chosen as over-all alternate to go to any of the above named places in case one of those chosen is unable to go.

The goal for financing these missionaries this summer, is \$3000. To date a total of \$884.99 has been given by the following: State B. S. U. Convention offering, \$397.12; Corrine Griffin, \$50.00; balance from last year's fund, \$437.87.

All students who wish to give to this worthy cause and any interested persons who want to make donations may do so by sending the gift to Student Summer Missions, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. Jones In Japan For Preaching Tour

TOKYO (RNS)—Dr. E. Stanley Jones, veteran American evangelist, arrived here for a three months' preaching mission. He also will hold a series of Ashrams—special retreats for study, meditation and prayer.

"We can't go any further unless we go deeper," the 73-year-old missionary said. "The Ashram strengthens faith, deepens understanding and inspires service."

Dr. Jones' mission is a feature of a program in preparation for celebrations in 1959 marking the 100th anniversary of the first Protestant missionary effort in Japan. The program is sponsored by the National Christian Council. Cooperating are the United Evangelical Lutheran, Episcopal and Baptist Churches in Japan.

Addressing a welcome meeting at the Ginza Christian Center here Dr. Jones predicted that Japan, as a member of the United Nations, would be a "force for peace."

He also predicted that if Japan accepted Christianity East Asia would become Christian.



A Report From the Miss. College BSU To the Parents of M. C. Students

By Frank Horton
(BSU Director Miss. College)

Because you have entrusted to us your most precious possessions, your sons and daughters, we of the Mississippi College Baptist Student Union feel we should report to you of our work. Since the B. S. U. serves as the connecting link between the college and the local Baptist church, this could easily be termed as a report from the Clinton Baptist Church also.

The first semester has just been completed and it is good to look backward to see what our records reveal. In these first five months we have received into the fellowship of the Clinton Baptist Church 372 new members by letter and by statement, 14 for baptism and 89 have made special decisions for Christian service and dedication of life. Of this latter group 19 have specifically surrendered for foreign mission service, 6 have surrendered to other types of full-time Christian service, and 64 others have indicated that they are ready to do what the Lord wants them to do with their lives. The large majority of decisions in each of these categories were made by the college students. There are now 645 students who are members of our church.

In this same period the Clinton Baptist Church has contributed \$44,257.96 for all causes. Of this amount, \$3,987.72 has been given to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering of which \$1352.00 was given through the college Y. W. A. by the students on the campus. Earlier in the year, the students gave \$506.00 to their Training Union mission project, a new hospital at Taiyeh, Jordan. The church has given \$4048.39 to Mississippi College and the B. S. U. Of that given to the college, \$1239.00 is above the regular budget item which designates annually \$4500.00 to Mississippi College and \$2500.00 for the Baptist Student Union of the college.

In these same five months the church has paid \$9,881.95 on the church indebtedness which leaves us owing only \$26,000.00 of a \$165,000.00 building program which was completed in the fall of 1954.

The worship services of the church have averaged over 850 for the two morning services and well over 600 in the evening hour. The Wednesday night hour of Power continues to be a blessing with attendance averaging around 400 and often reaching many more. The Sunday School has averaged 677 and the Training Union close behind with an average of 467. The Y. W. A. has a membership of 314. The college student is made to feel an integral part of his church while a student at the 130-year old institution across the street.

The B. S. U. on the campus works closely with the church in promoting the entire program. Through the nine mission points regularly carried on by the B. S. U. the ministry of the church and school reaches into all areas of Hinds County. During last school session, the B. S. U.ers made 10,562 personal contacts on their mission points. There were 409 recorded decisions for Christ. Of these, there were 273 conversions and 136 rededications. A monthly mission rally is held in the church to better inform the B. S. U.ers about mission opportunities here and around the world.

Five days each week a noon-day prayer service is held in the student center chapel. The average daily attendance is 241. In addition to this regular worship opportunity, vespers services are held several times during the year and a morning meditation period is provided daily.

Several special weeks of emphasis are held during the year which include Evangelistic Emphasis Week, Spiritual Emphasis Week, Christian Home Week, and Vocational Emphasis Week. Plans are now underway for a Spiritual Emphasis Week which will be held on the campus February 18-22 with Dr. Walter

Moore, pastor of Meridian's First Baptist Church, as the featured speaker. Student chairman for the week is Guy Futral, Jr., B. S. U. president.

Last year at Ridgecrest and Glorieta our B. S. U. was recognized for having attained "First Magnitude" for the third straight year. This award represents the highest possible in attainment and helps show the hard work accomplished by eager students who serve the Lord NOW.

On January 13, 1957, the church voted unanimously to send our pastor, Rev. Russell McIntire, to Argentina next October on the evangelistic tour to be directed by Dr. Chester Quarles.

From this is readily seen that we are providing for your young people an opportunity for spiritual growth and development through the regular channels of our local church. We face the rest of the year with a fine spirit of harmony and assurance, confident that as we faithfully follow the leadership of the Lord, He will continue to bless and reward our efforts.

Diversity Church - - -

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that are stronger than others and that predominate. In Washington not only are there many church groups but there are many groups well represented," according to Nannes.

"National" Church
Nearly every denomination has a "National" church in Washington, or its counterpart, to represent that denomination. Nannes added. He pointed out that the National Presbyterian Church conducts special Congressional service and represents its denomination in certain special functions.

6. Nannes said that is a "flight to the suburbs" in Washington. "Some old line churches are pulling up stakes and moving to the suburbs because of business encroachment, parking problems and changing residential patterns."

"Several downtown churches on the other hand decided they had an obligation to remain down town," Nannes reported. Several down town churches have built new places of worship.

He said that New York Ave. Presbyterian Church, a downtown church faced with the question of whether it ought to move to the suburbs, put a map of the Washington area on the wall. It placed pins where its members lived and found them scattered well into Maryland and Virginia, then decided the downtown location was its best location and the center of its membership.

U Through Ranks
Nannes told the Association, which includes editors of 25 state Southern Baptist newspapers and editors of other Baptist periodicals, that the best religion reporter on a daily newspaper has come up through the ranks of general reporting. Not many have been ministers, he said.

Nannes described levels of religious news reporting in two categories. One category pertains to the geography of the news—international religious news, national religious news, and local religious news.

The second category pertains to religious structure—interdenominational news, denominational news, and news of the local church.

The Southern Baptist Press Association scheduled a visit to Capitol Hill and tour of the city before adjourning its four-day session.

J. I. Jacobs Accepts Duncan Pastorate

Rev. J. I. Jacobs has resigned as associate pastor of the Tunica Church to accept the pastorate of the Duncan Church, where he assumed his duties on January 20. He has also served as interim pastor at Tunica.

A graduate of Mississippi College with a B. A. degree and of Golden Gate Seminary with a M. Div. degree, he has served churches in Alabama, California and Mississippi.

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BMC Freshman Class To Be Hosts For Special High School Week End

The Freshman Class of Blue Mountain College and its sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Guyton of the College Administrative staff, will be hosts to High School Seniors from many sections of Mississippi and the surrounding area for the special High School Weekend on March 1-3.

The main feature of the Weekend will be the presentation of the annual operetta, "BABES IN TOYLAND," by the College Music Department.

Pictured above are the officers of the Freshman Class with the sponsors. They are, left to right: Betty Jo Nowell, Kosciusko, vice-president; Sarah Sims, Kosciusko, secretary; Faye Sandifer, Chatham, president; and Sally Hewlett, St. Louis, Mo., treasurer. Standing are Mr. and Mrs. Guyton.

The operetta, under the general direction of Brooks Haynes, Professor of Music at Blue Mountain College, will be presented in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium on Friday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock.

N. O. Seminary To Hold Music Event February 18-22

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The School of Sacred Music of New Orleans Seminary and the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board have completed plans for the Church Music Workshop to be held at the Seminary February 18-22.

Church musicians from the four-state area of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida have been invited to attend the workshop and at the same time visit some of the scenic and historic points of Old New Orleans.

Individual tours of these points are among the highlights which also include a joint recital Monday (February 18) by Miss Beatrice Collins, organist, and Claude Rhea, Jr., tenor, both of the Seminary music faculty; a banquet Thursday evening (February 20) followed by a Choral Festival program under the direction of Thomas Mills, Columbia, Mo., a member of the University of Missouri faculty, and featuring the 150 voices of the Seminary Choral Club, and a tour of Baptist mission points and institutions of the New Orleans area.

Natchez, First, Calls Lewis White



Dr. Lewis White

Dr. Lewis White has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Denham Springs, Louisiana, to accept a call as pastor of First Church, Natchez.

A native of Shreveport, Dr. White received the B. A. Degree from Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana, and the Th. M. and Th. D. degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Former pastorates include Montgomery Church, Montgomery, Louisiana; Stanford Church, Stanford, Indiana; Dover Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky. He has been pastor at Denham Springs since September 1, 1949.

Dr. White has served as President of the District 11 Baptist Convention in Louisiana, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Baton Rouge General Hospital and of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Baton Rouge.

He is married to the former Marilyn Sanders White, graduate of Baylor and of the former W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky. They have two children, Marilu, age 7, and David, age 2.

Dr. White will assume the pastorate at Natchez on March 1.

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Alabama Episcopal Diocese Condemns "Lawless Acts"

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS) — A resolution condemning recent home and church bombings, cross-burnings and other "lawless acts" in the state was approved by the 126th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama here.

"We deplore and condemn all lawless acts," it said, "and call upon the people of our Church to give their wholehearted support to the law enforcement authorities in our state and its communities in their efforts to maintain law and order."

Although the word racial was not used there was little doubt of the resolution's intent. A wave of violence has erupted in Alabama in recent months. Principal acts of terror have been centered in Montgomery, Birmingham and Mobile.

Montgomery's troubles arose from the federal court decree integrating that city's public buses. Birmingham violence also came after Negroes attempted to desegregate bus riding. Mobile's Spring Hill College, a Jesuit institution which has both white and Negro students, was the scene recently of a cross-burning on the campus.

Mt. Zion Church, Osyka, Completes First Phase of Building Program



January 27 marked the completion of the first phase of the building program of the Mt. Zion Church, Osyka, according to the pastor, Rev. Tom D. Sumrall, Jr. The first phase includes a new front to the auditorium, vestibule, and steeple. The program was begun last April, and was completed at an approximate cost of \$2,000.

Rev. Tom Hall of New Orleans Seminary brought the opening message of the day at the eleven o'clock hour. Bill Baker, radio announcer over station WVEZ in New Orleans, and also a student, was guest soloist.

Immediately following the morning service, lunch was served.

The dedication service began at 2 o'clock. This service included a history of the 119-year old church, special music, and the dedicatory sermon delivered by Rev. T. D. Sumrall, pastor of the East McComb Church, and father of the Mt. Zion pastor.

School Board To Bar Nativty Plays

SIERRA M A D R E, Calif. (RNS) — The school board here voted, 3-1, to bar traditional Nativty plays from all the community's schools.

The ban was immediately protested by the Parent-Teacher Association of this Los Angeles suburb of 8,000 residents. Members of the Ministerial Association called for a transcript of the school board meeting before deciding upon action.

The issue was raised at the school board after Mr. and Mrs. George D. Roane wrote a letter declaring that presentation of the Nativty scene in public schools constituted a "direct violation of the Constitution of the United States."

The three board members who voted to bar Christmas plays said they had no objection to Christmas carols because they were "cultural."

31 Sects Recognized In North Sumatra

DJAKARTA, Indonesia (RNS) — The North Sumatra branch of the Ministry of Religions reported that official recognition has been given to 31 new sects.

Some of them stem from Islam, Protestantism and Roman Catholicism, the prevailing religions in the region. A few are revivals of primitive tribal religious beliefs.

Observers say that social insecurity and political unrest fostered the formation of the new groups.

According to official statistics, North Sumatra has 2,175,038 Muslims, 1,320,183 Protestants and 62,588 Catholics.

34 Rankin Co. Churches To Hear 30 Missionaries In March Mission Study

Danish Pastor Drops Sermons For Films

COPENHAGEN (RNS) — A Lutheran pastor here has boosted attendance at weekday evening services in his church by dispensing with the usual sermon and showing religious films instead.

Rev. Martin Jeorgensen of St. Paul's church had found congregations disappointingly small until he sought permission from Bishop Hans Fuglsang-Damgaard of Copenhagen, Primate of the State Lutheran Church, to try out the innovation.

"Now attendance is rapidly increasing," he said.

Most of Copenhagen's Lutheran churches held services only on Sunday, but a number also conduct weekday evening services.

Thirty-four Baptist Churches of Rankin County will participate in a week of Mission Study March 17-22. Thirty missionaries representing the three mission boards will be guest speakers during this week and will use both film strips and personal experiences as subjects for the programs each evening.

The programs will consist of two forty-five minute periods. The first will be given to the study of a book on missions and the second given to a visiting missionary. Study course credit will be awarded for the study of the book provided both sessions are attended each evening. The faculty for teaching the books will be chosen in the individual churches.

This Mission Study corresponds to the simultaneous revival crusade held last year at this time and is expected to be the highlight of Rankin County Baptist activity for 1957.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST MEN

The first nation-wide conference for Southern Baptist Laymen and Pastors will be held September 18-20, 1957 in Oklahoma City, Okla. The meeting will observe the 50th anniversary of Brotherhood work among Southern Baptists.

The theme for the conference will be "Free Men Through the Ages." The purpose of the conference is threefold: (1) Through addresses by outstanding Christian leaders, to capture the attention and interests of Baptist men and impress our nation with the central place of our faith through the work and ministry of our churches in the life of our country and the world; (2) Through platform presentations, displays, literature, and personnel, to dramatize our denominational program and indoctrinate the men who will attend with a desire to give it purpose and full support; (3) Through fellowship and inspiration, to send 8,000 Baptist men home on fire to work for God, church, country and fellowmen.

Program features will include ADDRESSES by outstanding Christian leaders, DRAMATIC PRESENTATIONS of heroes of our faith, SEMINARS on vocations and Christian living, EXHIBITS on the work of our denomination, GREAT MUSIC men will love. Program plans call for 44 laymen and eight ministers to participate on the program.

All nineteen agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention will participate in the sessions of the Conference. All nineteen Executive Secretaries of our Southern Baptist Convention agencies have accepted early invitations to attend.

The Conference will have "sessions." Vocational group sessions, called "seminars," will be conducted on Thursday and Friday afternoons of the Conference. The seminars will seek to answer the question, "What Can I As A Baptist Farmer, Doctor, Clerk, Lawyer, Laborer, Newspaperman, etc., do to live more like a Christian and to make Christ known in my daily work at my job?" Seminar sessions for vocational groups in the afternoons will be held in downtown auditoriums, in hotels and churches.

The program will relate itself in part to the four major areas of Brotherhood activity during the next five years. These are Evangelism, Stewardship, Cooperative Program and Boys. The program will also show where Baptists came from, how Southern Baptists operate at home and around the world, and what could happen to our denominational endeavor should sufficient manpower be arrayed to make conquest for Christ.

This meeting is not a layman's meeting only. It is for Southern Baptist Men . . . both laymen and pastors. Baptist churches from which participants will come are located in more than 30 states in the nation. There are 26 Baptist state conventions.

The Conference is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary.

Advance registrations are now being taken for the Conference. Write your state Brotherhood department for information.

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ALCOHOL EDUCATION WEEK

Suggested Projects for Classes to Adopt During Alcohol Week:

1. Supply each or some of the schools of your city with the five Broadman posters on alcohol (50c per set).
2. Purchase books for the church and/or city library on alcohol. Suggestions: The Cup of Fury, Upton Sinclair, \$3.00; I Was An Alcoholic, Aubrey Willis, \$2.75; Should Christians Drink? Everett Tilson, \$2.00; The Way to Sobriety, C. Aubrey Hearn, \$1.50; Alcohol and Christian Responsibility, Clifford Earle, \$65; Basic Information on Alcohol, Albion Roy King, \$1.50; Alcohol, Culture, and Society, Clarence H. Patrick, \$3.00; The Christian Case for Abstinence, a compilation, \$3.00.
3. Organize an Allied Youth post in the high school. (Write to Allied Youth, 1700 M. Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.)
4. Make a scrapbook of statements of local citizens on "Why I Do Not Drink Alcoholic Beverages."
5. Foster an essay contest or a speakers' tournament in the high school or among the Intermediates and Young People of the church on "The Advantages of Abstinence from Alcoholic Beverages."
6. Make a poster of total abstinence pledges from the young people of the church. (Use the form "The Christian's Commitment," copies free from Dr. Donald F. Ackland, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.)
7. Show a film such as With His Help or Far from Alone to several groups which have not seen it.
8. Plan a church program of emphasis upon total abstinence. (See the booklet Education for Sobriety, by Helen McKnight, price \$5.00 for suggestions.)

Riverside Association

Recently three group training schools were held in Riverside Association under the direction of Mrs. M. C. Waldrup, Association Training Union Director, and Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Superintendent of Missions.

At the Lyon school a total of 198 were enrolled with an average attendance of 143 maintained. The peak attendance for the week was 155.

The following churches were represented: Blue Lake Chapel Mission, Clarksdale; Lyon, Reynolds Memorial, Oakhurst, Union Chapel, Riverside, and Walnut.

The faculty is listed as follows: Primary Activity, Mrs. J. A. Hubbard, Lyon; Mrs. A. A. Greene, Nursery, Beginner, Primary leaders; Miss LaVerne Ashby, Primary leaders; Neta Stewart, Junior and Intermediate leaders; Juniors, Rev. Charles Smith; Intermediates, Rev. J. Russell; Young People, Rev. M. C. Waldrup; Adults, G. G. Pierce, director of the school.

Lambert School

Lambert school enrolled a total of 64 with a peak attendance of 58 on Wednesday night. An average attendance of approximately 52 was maintained for the week of study.

The following churches were represented: Lambert, West Marks, and Crowder. The school was directed by Rev. Joe May.

er, pastor of the Lambert Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lester Pearson taught a class of leaders; Mrs. Jimmy Long of Lambert led the Juniors; Mrs. C. N. Shields of Lambert taught a combination class of Young People and Intermediates. Rev. Mayer taught the Adults.

Lula School

Lula school enrolled a total of 130 for the week with the peak attendance reaching as high as 98. An average attendance of 88 was maintained for the week of study.

The following churches were represented: Little Texas, Dundee, Berea, Lula, Tunica, Green River Mission, Hollywood, Jonestown, Lyon.

The faculty is listed as follows: Mr. Harvey Gibson, Nashville, Adults; Rev. Martin Gilbert, Juniors; Rev. H. J. Logan, Young People; Rev. Andrews, Primary Activity; Mrs. Graham Spearman, Nursery, Beginner, and Primary leaders; Rev. Raymond Gordon, Intermediates; Louise Hill, Junior and Intermediate leaders. Methods books were used in all three of the schools.

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CENTRAL (Yazoo)

One of the latest churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is the Central Church in Yazoo County near Bentonla. Twenty families from that church will now receive weekly news of Baptist affairs through their state paper. Rev. R. S. Parker is the pastor.

CONCORD (Yazoo)

Concord Church in Yazoo County, Rev. James Smith, pastor, has made an important decision—to subscribe to the Baptist Record through the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Fifteen families from the church will keep informed on Baptist life around the world through the pages of the Record.

Record readers in Yazoo County are now listed as follows: Benton, 27; Bentonla, 72; Bethlehem, 36; Black Jack, 54; Center Ridge, 26; Concord, 15; Eden, 27; Hebron, 44; Holly Bluff, 74; Liverpool, 12; Melrose, 38; Oak Grove, 16; Ogden, 35; Oil City, 26; Providence, 11; Rocky Spring, 18; Sattalia, 41; Short Creek, 27; Tinsley, 1; Yazoo City, First, 469; Yazoo City, Calvary, 102; Yazoo City, Grace, 11; Central, 20.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Why Churches Die

By CARL A. CLARK
Associate ProfessorPastoral Ministry and Rural Church Work
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Why should rural churches die? It is an actual fact that over twenty thousand American country churches have ceased to exist during the last twenty years. I think none of us feel that rural churches should die. Since some of them are going out of business, however, it is well for us to inquire into the reasons as to why they should cease to exist.

The most interesting study we have seen along this line is a doctoral thesis written by W. H. Allison of Missouri. Dr. Allison is Superintendent of Stewardship and Missions for the Missouri General Association. He wrote a thesis on the subject "The Deterioration of Rural Churches in North Missouri" which he submitted to Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri.

In the thesis Dr. Allison made a very extensive research into all the churches in the northern half of Missouri which had ceased to exist between 1930 and 1950. This study is a very scientific approach assembling a vast amount of factual material regarding these churches and isolating some of the causes for this deterioration with proposed remedies to prevent the same thing happening to other churches.

I would like to give you some of the results Dr. Allison found in twenty selected churches over the twenty year period of time.

WEAK IN BIBLE TEACHING

Out of these twenty churches for a twenty year period of time Dr. Allison found that only one church had ever had a Sunday school study course and that only one time. In other words, there was no effort on the part of these churches to train Sunday school leadership. Without trained leadership, any church is very likely to die.

Only one of the twenty churches has had a religious census, and someone came in from outside and took the census after the church was disbanded. This indicates that the churches did not have adequate concern for the unsaved and the unenlisted people in their communities.

Of the twenty churches, fifteen ceased having revivals some years before they became inactive. I am quite surprised that the churches would stop having revivals, but I am not at all surprised that after ceasing to hold revivals they became inactive. Any church that does not have a vigorous evangelistic program is certainly on the way down.

For the entire period of time there was not even one stewardship revival held in the entire twenty churches. This looks like there was little concern for stewardship and tithing. Inevitably the financial programs of the churches were seriously inadequate without definite stewardship training. Without stewardship conviction on the part of the individual members of the church, no church can finance its program.

WEAK IN TRAINING

Fourteen of the churches had Sunday schools with from two to five classes. This indicates that the Sunday schools were not adequately graded and organized, because a Sunday school of most any size ought to have more than five classes. Without the provision of adequate classes and departments a Sunday school will not enlist new people and thus the church will not grow. Failing to grow, it soon deteriorates. Thirteen of the twenty churches made spasmodic efforts at some Training Union work. Many of these had only a young people's union or had a Training Union for only a brief period of time. The other seven had no Training Union work at any time during the twenty years. This means an absence of training in church membership. Untrained church members are not likely to carry on an active church program.

Seventeen of the twenty churches had no Woman's Missionary Union at all. Only three attempted Woman's Missionary Union work and these did not last very long. There was not a single Girl's Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador, Sunbeam or Young Woman's Auxiliary organization at any of the twenty churches at any time during the twenty years. This shows that the people of these churches had very little, if any, real missionary interest. There certainly was no interest in training the children to be missionary-minded. Honestly, the best way to have a missionary-minded church membership is to start a generation ahead of time. If you do not train the children to be missionary-minded, you will not have a missionary church in the next generation. In these cases you do not have any church at all.

There was not a single brotherhood organization in the entire group. It looks like these churches were operated for and by women and children.

Fourteen of the churches apparently never had any kind of prayer meeting. Seven of them did attempt to have prayer meeting at intervals. I think none of these lasted through the entire twenty years. The power of a church comes because the people meet together for prayer. Without a praying congregation you will have a dying congregation.

Seventeen of the churches had no Vacation Bible School whatsoever. Only three churches had attempted any Bible school work during the twenty years. Two of these had only one Bible school each, leaving nineteen years without a Bible school. One church had Bible schools for a three year period but did not have Bible schools for the other seventeen years. This means that these churches lost their finest opportunity for enlisting the children of their respective communities in the church program. No wonder they died.

WEAK IN EVANGELISM

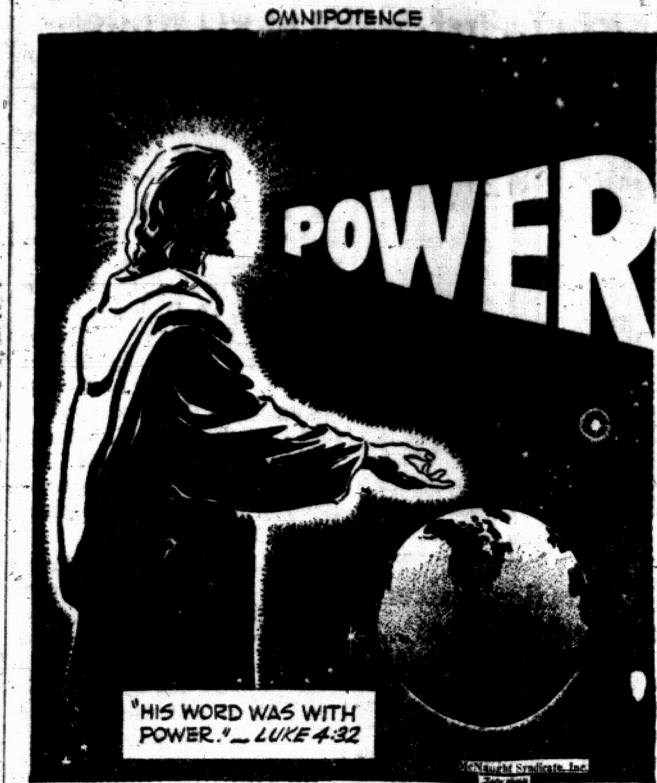
Dr. Allison gives a very interesting summary regarding the pastoral leadership situation. He combines the entire twenty churches for a twenty-one year period and says this means they had a total possibility of 420 years of pastoral leadership. However, during a large portion of this time the churches reported having no pastor. In fact, there were 231 possible years in which these churches did not have a pastor. In only 189 years did they report a pastor. This means that they were without the spiritual blessings of pastoral leadership 55% of the time. These actual facts seem to indicate that unless a church keeps a pastor a very high percentage of the time it is a declining church and will soon cease to exist.

Another interesting summary which Dr. Allison gives is regarding the number of years in which the churches reported baptisms. Again, he figures on the basis of the twenty churches for the twenty-one years 1930 to 1950 inclusive. This again is a total possibility of 420 years. No baptism was reported in the church minutes 308 of these years. This means that in 71% of the years no one was won to Christ, not even one. In only 29% of the years was there a report of souls being won to Christ. The church that is not baptizing people is surely a dying church.

We would not moralize too much on these startling facts. We would rather present them and let you draw your own conclusions. This is simply what happened to a group of twenty churches that were on the way down. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Allison for this very enlightening research.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (RNS) — The general superintendent of the Universalist Church of America will be fully in charge of program and policy-making for the denomination.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — President Eisenhower has asked Congress to approve legislation that would admit clergymen and members of religious orders to the military without regard to quotas or other restrictive provisions of the immigration and naturalization laws.



Pages From The Past

By JESSE L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO

A Baptist Sunday School is being held each Sunday afternoon in the school house in south Jackson near where a house of worship is being built by the Baptist people of that section of the city. Gov. A. H. Longino of the First Baptist Church, who is Sunday School superintendent of this South Jackson Sunday school with an enrollment of 79 pupils. Rev. Geo. W. Riley of Jackson, and pastor at Edwards, is ministering to this mission of the First Church with 50 in attendance upon their weekly prayer meetings. As soon as the house of worship is finished, they are to organize into a regular Baptist Church with a name already selected as Griffith Memorial Baptist Church.

Woman's Missionary Society of the Crystal Springs Baptist Church had a "Red Letter" Day at the home of Mrs. J. M. Dampier, making garments for a box to be sent the Baptist Orphanage. About thirty women were present, each one armed with a pair of scissors and thimble and had such a "jolly, chatty" good time, indeed a "season of hilarity and cordiality." When it was all over "there were ninety-five little garments placed in the box." Reporter: Mrs. W. H. Barron.

40 YEARS AGO

Mrs. B. E. Kent of Forest, state leader in personal service of the W. M. U. led a movement to place a much needed piano in the Good Will Center in Meridian at Christmas time. Many societies over the state contributed.

25 YEARS AGO

Correspondent Sue Lipsey (Mrs. P. I. Jr.) reports some very enlightening "Sidelights on the Disarmament Conference" at Geneva, Switzerland, at which representatives from 64 nations were present. The conference was characterized by a "confusion of fears, suspicions and rivalries."

Buchanan Named "Man of the Year" in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS) — Dr. John H. Buchanan, former president of the Alabama Baptist Convention, was chosen Birmingham's "Man of the Year" for 1956 by the Young Men's Business Club.

Dr. Buchanan is retiring this spring as pastor of Birmingham's Southside Baptist church, the city's largest, after serving for 20 years.

He is a past president of the Birmingham Ministers Assn. and the Birmingham Sunday School Council, and has been chairman of various civic fund drives. He also has headed the Birmingham Parole Board.

TRENTON, N. J. (RNS) — The Senate passed and sent to the Assembly a bill which would allow a physician to certify to the illness or disability of a civilian voter applying for an absentee ballot.

Sunday School Lesson

By DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

For February 17.

PARABLES of the Kingdom. Bible Text, Matt. 13:31-32.

INTRODUCTION:

The employment of the parable as a method of instruction was a favorite method with our Lord. It is an allegorical method of conveying instruction by means of a fable or other short fictitious narrative; a comparison or similitude. The parables of Jesus are perfect examples of the simile. No other person ever employed this method of teaching so effectively as did our Lord. Those who allow Him to say what He is saying, need not go astray in the search for His meaning. For this lesson I shall very briefly discuss some few of His parables.

I. "The kingdom of Heaven is like unto a mustard seed." The mustard tree in this parable is not the matter of primary importance. But the vitality of the mustard seed. He used this seed of the mustard plant for an illustration of how His kingdom was to grow. This seed was in His day by all considered the smallest of all seeds. It did not grow into a great tree but it did grow into plant very many times the size of the seed. The point in the parable is the size of the Christian body that shall grow from the very small seed of kingdom truth.

To the disciples, sometimes discouraged by the apparent small result of their labors, it did seem that the growth of the kingdom was very slow, destined to grow into a very small community. Our Lord wanted them to believe that the results of their labor were going to be tremendous both in their volume and in their influence.

II. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven." In this parable a woman took a little yeast and worked it into about a bushel of dough, and "the whole was leavened." This mass of dough represents the world and the yeast is the truth of the kingdom which will transform the world. The truth of the kingdom works comparatively silently with no noisy advertisement, racket, or pomp and circumstance of war. It is revolutionary, but the revolution is quiet. It begins its work silently in a pure heart and moves out to overcome kingdom and overturn evil institutions which the evil hearts of men are supporting. Our Lord dying silently on His cross gave unquenchable hope to despairing men. The transforming power of this radiant hope is as irresistible as the working of the yeast.

III. "The kingdom is like unto a treasure hid in a field." Matt. 13:44. Of course, we do not approve the ethics of the man who bought another man's field without telling the owner of the treasure hidden in it. But the point does not lie in the question of ethics involved. Keep in mind that Jesus was not discussing ethical principles, but that he was calling attention to the finders instant appreciation to the greatness of the treasure immediately upon his finding it.

Some men go forth in the morning with no appreciation of the value of the kingdom and suddenly find this value unex-

Congress Approves 'Dorchester Day' In Honor of Chaplains

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)

The Senate and the House unanimously adopted a concurrent resolution setting aside Sunday, Feb. 3 as "Dorchester Day" in memory of four chaplains who gave away their lives and sank with the ship when the U. S. Army transport Dorchester was torpedoed on Feb. 3, 1943.

They were the Rev. John P. Washington, Newark, N. J., a Catholic priest; Rabbi Alexander D. Goode of York, Pa.; and two Protestants, the Rev. George Fox (Methodist) of Gilman, Vt. and the Rev. Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) of Schenectady, N. Y.

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DENVER (RNS) — The Colorado House approved an amendment to the state real estate tax law to raise the exemption on church-owned dwellings from \$3000 assessed valuation to \$6000 assessed valuation.

And immediately the finder goes about to secure this treasure for himself. And note that this man's appreciation of the reality of the kingdom made him willing to acquire it at whatever cost to him.

IV. "The kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls." The difference between this seeking merchant and the man who found the treasure in the field is that this pearl merchant had deliberately devoted himself to a search for the treasure of greatest value. He did not stumble upon it unexpectedly, but sought it persistently, like the excellent young man who came kneeling to our Lord and saying to Him, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" He wanted the best, he was searching for the best, he had the ability to recognize the best when he found it, and was willing to sacrifice all treasures of less value than he might attain and hold for himself the one treasure of greatest value.

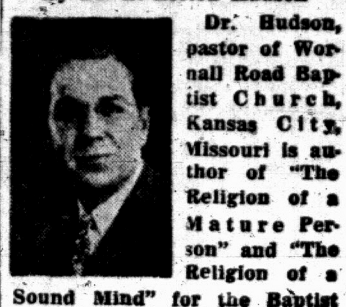
V. "The kingdom of Heaven is like unto a net." This is a parable of the Judgment. God cast the net which gathers of every kind. The Great Judge separates the desirable from the undesirable, the good from the bad, and casts the bad away while he keeps the good for his own delight and unto everlasting glory. Let us be very sure that Emerson is right when he says that "everyday is judgment day" for everyone of us. Since Jesus made the difference clear, we know the good from the bad; we know daily which way we ought to go.

From our knowledge of the Lord Jesus, we know what is good and what is bad, which way leads to the hills of life, and which through the region of darkness. If we choose the high road, we may walk with Him and all the radiant sons of life; if on the other hand, we choose the way of darkness, the darkness of that way shall deepen unto Stygian night, rayless and with no hope of a dawning.

VI. "The kingdom of Heaven gathers irresistibly to a Judgment, and sifts them by its own high rule, a rule that works irresistibly unto judgments irrevocable."

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. E. Lofton Hudson



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

QUESTION: After a dozen years of marriage, my husband wants a divorce. We are Christians but he says that he no longer loves me. My inclination is to refuse because of the heartbreak to our two darling children, but my grief is so great that occasionally they get a glimpse or suspicion of unhappiness. I love my husband, but would give him up if it is best for the children. My husband says that he only feels coldness, indifference, (as well as respect) for me. What would you advise?

ANSWER: A marriage without love is very hard to bear. Only the strongest can bear it. Sometimes such marriages must be dissolved, even against our best wishes.

But I do not believe that a man and a woman live together twelve years and bear two children without there being love. My guess is that your husband loved you originally and can learn to love you, in a more mature way, again.

I would like to ask your husband some important questions. When did he find out that he did not love you? What had you done to kill his love? And what had he done that might throw some light on his feelings? Is he willing to look into his own emotional problems to work this out?

My experience is that many such problems can be worked out if the proper kind of counseling help is accepted. Is there no family counseling center close to your home? It is downright criminal and foolish to get a divorce under your circumstances unless every means is used to analyze the situation first. If your community does not have a trained counselor, turn to your pastor. Most modern pastors have some skill in these matters.

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Calendar of Prayer

February 18 — C. L. Shumate, Carroll Association Training Union Director; Mrs. Marjorie Melton, Yazoo County W. M. U. President.

February 19 — Rev. James Harrell, Scott County Superintendent of Missions; Dr. Judson Chastain, William Carey College faculty.

February 20 — Mrs. Margaret McKinley Lowrey, Blue Mountain College faculty; Cecil Warren, B. S. U. worker, Northwest Junior College.

February 21 — J. C. Watson, Jones County Association Sunday School Superintendent; Dr. Lewis A. Curtis, Social Service Commission.

February 22 — Mrs. J. P. Hughes, Baptist Building; John Maddox, Education Commission.

February 23 — Dr. G. Norman Price, Trustee, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; T. L. Everett, Board of Ministerial Education.

February 24 — J. Murphy Thomas, Trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital; Ralph Hester, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.

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Changes Among The Churches

Called and Accepted:

C. H. Peaden, Miller Valley Church, Arizona.

L. Smith Chambers, First, Bowie, Arizona, from Warnette, Oklahoma.

Russell Baker, First, Depew, Okla. from Greenfield.

Bill Richardson, Vinson, Okla. from Lindsey, Oklahoma City.

Cecil T. Smith, Stone Mountain, N. C.

Charles T. Fulbright, Immanuel, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fred Savage, Jr., First, De Queen, Ark. from Barneyville, Oklahoma.

Jim Harvey, Barneyville, Oklahoma.

Lloyd Randolph, Greenfield, Okla.

Jess Ryburn, Whitesboro, Le-flore Assoc., Okla.

Don Smith, Crowner, Okla.

James E. Hudson, Miller, Frisco Association, Okla.

H. E. Maxwell, Big Cabin, Craig Mayes Assoc., Okla.

Walter M. Hunt, O'Chelotoch Church, Ramona, Okla.

C. L. Garrison, Shotts, Frisco Assoc., Okla.

J. David Byrd, Supt. of Missions, Caldwell, Ray Assoc., Oklahoma.

Lloyd Self, Augusta Heights, Greenville, S. C. from First Coffeyville.

Roy Black, Gallatin, Missouri.

Homer G. Fowler, Deautie Church, Experiment, Ga. from Northside, Manchester, Ga.

M. C. Ferguson, Lafayette, Ga. from McCaysville, Ga.

W. D. Mendun, Jr., Mt. Tabor, Lawrenceville, Ga. (former MC student).

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College Students

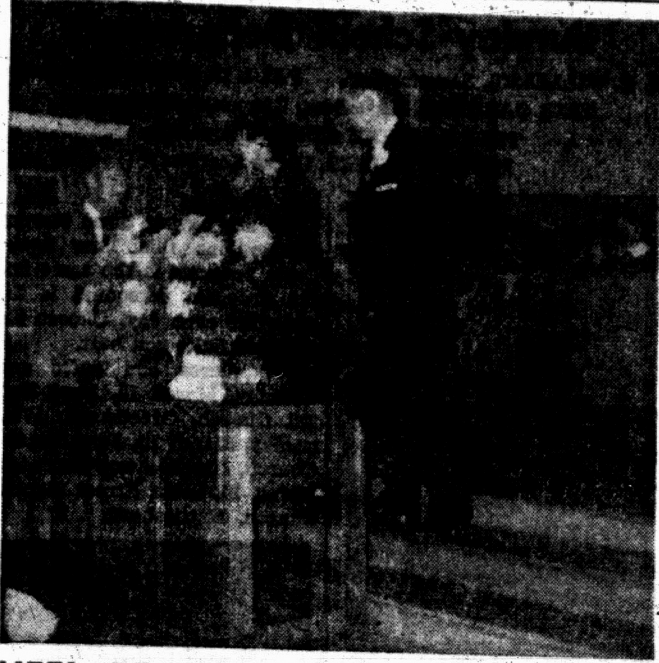
As long as young people in numbers continue to knock at the door of Mississippi College for admittance, seeking the kind of education and training offered here, friends of a great college and members of a great denomination who love the Lord and are interested in His Cause will see to it that they shall not be denied.

D. M. Nelson, President Mississippi College.



INDIANS HAVE BIBLE IN OWN TONGUE

KAYENTA, Ariz.—A Baptist woman missionary at the Indian reservation here reads from a Bible printed in the Navajo tongue.—(RNS Photo).



NEEL RESIGNS TCHULA PASTORATE

Mr. D. C. Scott is shown above presenting to Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Neel on behalf of the Tchula Church a silver tray as a token of the church's love and appreciation for four years of faithful service.

On Sunday, January 6, Rev. J. P. Neel closed his ministry with the Tchula Church. His pastorate, which began on November 1, 1952, was one of many accomplishments. There was a total increase in membership of 185, 78 of these on profession of faith. Chimes were bought and installed. A church building with complete air-conditioning and heating system has been erected at a cost of \$55,000. Recently a Baldwin Electric Organ was purchased.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (RNS)—Delegates to the 39th annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council here voiced "grave concern" over what they called a trend toward the development of parochial education as a substitute for public schools.

Cullom Honored On 90th Birthday

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—(BP)—W. R. Cullom, who was head of the Bible department of Wake Forest College for 40 years, was honored on his 90th birthday with special "W. R. Cullom Day" services at Rousesville Baptist Church near here.

Attended by friends and previous students from all over the state, the day was an occasion for the taking of a special offering for the W. R. Cullom Student Aid Loan Fund given in appreciation of Cullom.

The founder of the Bible department of Wake Forest College, the first in the South, Cullom is known throughout the Convention.

COLUMBUS, O. (RNS)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson disclosed here that he originally felt he should not serve in the cabinet because of his status as a Mormon clergyman.

500 Attend Loyalty Dinner of Yazoo City, First

The past, present, and future of First Church, Yazoo City, were graphically presented to more than 500 of its members who gathered at the Armory there Thursday night, February 7, for their first annual Loyalty Day dinner.

The illustrious past of the eleven hundred member church was related by Lacey Hodges from material found in the History of Mississippi by Dr. Dunbar Rowland. He told of the early history of Mississippi Baptists, and of the organization of the first Baptist church in what was then known as Manchester, now Yazoo City.

Of the church members he mentioned the Shipp and McMurtry families, who have moved away; of the C. E. Montgomery family, who have joined another church; of the Sam Johnson family, whose descendants are the W. C. Ingram family and are still members; and of the Hollowells and Kellys, both still represented in the church by the family name. He mentioned the fire, tornado, and flood, and the other hardships that the church group has endured, always growing stronger.

Mrs. Howard Woods challenged the church members to live up to their responsibilities both in the church and in the community. She stressed the primary aim of the church as being evangelism always.

"The future of the church is assured," stated Owen Cooper, "for the membership is led by a consecrated pastor. The membership itself is dedicated to service, to building, to missions, to Bible study, and to sacrificial giving. And the church will be victorious because it acknowledges, worships, and serves a victorious Christ—victorious over death, over sin, and over the world."

Preceding the dinner Mrs. Charles Walker rendered a program of piano music. Dr. Webb Brant, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist, pronounced the invocation.

Singing of the group was led by Fred W. Hood of Kentucky. Mr. Hood also sang several selections, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Shirley.

Dr. Donald B. Roark, director of the stewardship campaign now in progress, presided and made the introductions. He presented to the group the thirteen members of the Steering Committee, each of whom heads a sub-committee, and the more than 200 members who served with them.

Members of the Steering Committee and the phase of the campaign each is responsible for were: Charles Jackson, loyalty dinner; Cliff Russell, budget planning committee; Mrs. C. D. Williams, reservations committee for dinner; Terry Hollowell, budget planning committee; Jas. Craig, report snack committee; Mrs. Elmo Barber, children's party; Mrs. W. L. Brigham, titling lessons; Leo Lewis, tally chairman; Mrs. Edd Smith, office help; and Lacey Hodges, budget promotion committee.

Also introduced were the staff of the church—Miss Dorris Bailey, Educational Secretary, Miss Linda Jenkins, newly elected Office Secretary, Mrs. Mike Elison, Kindergarten Director, and Mrs. Charles Walker, Organist.

Rev. Harold A. Shirley, pastor, closed the program with a series of short, pithy remarks on loyalty.

More than 125 children under eight years of age were entertained with songs, stories, hand work, and movies, in the annex of the First Church by a corps of twenty-five workers from other Baptist churches trained in the various age groups.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Scott, Eden; Joe, Virginia, and Kathy Haynes, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Kyzar, Shaw; Rev. J. E. Jackson, Wynne; H. E. Watson, Noxapater.

DID YOU KNOW? The 1956 Southern Baptist Handbook reveals that there are 23,567 rural churches and 6,810 urban churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. These rural (open country, village, and town under 2,500 population) churches have a membership of 4,188,558 out of the 8,474,741 total.

Children's Corner

God's Wondrous World

By THELMA C. CARTER

with illustration No. 1
People enjoy nature indoors! Look about your home! In the den—over the fireplace. You'll probably find a landscape picture. You'll see the sky, trees, fields of grain, maybe snow on mountain peaks.

Today, beautiful landscape pictures not only hang in famous art galleries, but also adorn the walls of our homes, schools, libraries and churches.

Examine a landscape picture carefully. You'll find an artist's clever brush has captured the green meadows, blue clouds, blue-green waters. Perhaps the white of desert sands and purple mountain ranges.

You'll always find the earth's own colors in nature pictures. Red soil, black soil, yellow grain, brown-tan stubble. Delicate blue

and pink and yellow wild flowers. Yellow-gold sunlight, glistening dew and snow.

Did you know there was a time when nature painting was considered a lesser form of art? It was an Englishman, who, believing that nature revealed God, made nature painting famous.

John Constable, born in 1776, painted for 14 years the everyday fields and woods, trees and streams, before he finally sold one of his masterpieces. Now, his famous pictures hang in the National Gallery, London, England.

Looking at a beautiful landscape reminds us of God's word: "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time." Ecclesiastes 3:11.

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(Is there something about God's Wondrous World you would like to see described in this column? If so, please send your suggestions to Baptist Press Syndicate, 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nashville 3, Tenn.)



GRANDPA HUNTER'S CHOICE

By ALICE WHITSON NORTON

It had been rumored about after Grandpa Hunter of Pinewood Avenue returned home from the hospital that he would never walk again. But the fact was not accepted until a sign appeared in the window of the Hunter residence reading:

"WANTED: A careful boy to push a rolling chair two hours per day. Good wages to the right party."

"Looks like work to me," Tom Lawrence declared, when the boys of Pinewood Avenue got together to discuss the job.

"And he's the kind who will make his outing hours the very time we want to play ball," Jamie Johnson said.

"That may be true," Sam Arnold chimed in. "But I think that Mr. Hunter will probably want to go to his office every day. I think I'll go see him."

"Okay," Bobby Jones spoke up, "suppose all of us offer our services and see who gets the job."

The seven boys appeared at his door the next afternoon, and Grandpa Hunter raised his hands in amazement.

"My!" he exclaimed in surprise. "I can't use all of you."

"We know that, Mr. Hunter," Sam answered, "but we all of us want the job, so we've decided to let you choose the one you like the best."

"Fine," chuckled Grandpa Hunter. "I'll try you out one at the time beginning at eleven o'clock tomorrow morning. One thing more," he added, "there'll be a five dollar bill for the fellow I choose."

This statement thrilled the boys.

"Won't it be something special to be chosen?" Jamie asked slowly when they had left. "I hope he chooses me."

Secretly every boy present hoped to get the job. The next morning found all seven boys at the big house. Mr. Hunter was waiting in a shiny rolling chair.

Sam Arnold was chosen to take the first turn. He took Mr. Hunter through the small park near the Hunter home. Grandpa Hunter loved the lake and enjoyed crossing the bridge where he could look down into the water.

He had each boy wheel him through the park and told them how much he liked to look into the water. This suggestion caused each boy to push the chair very close to the edge of the bridge.

choice," Grandpa Hunter said. All the way home the other boys kept asking each other the question: "Why did he choose Bobby?"

One day the boys found Grandpa Hunter and Bobby in the park.

"Mr. Hunter," Sam asked suddenly, "why did you ask Bobby to push your chair?"

Grandpa Hunter threw back his head and laughed.

"I knew you'd ask me that question sometime. If you remember I advertised for a careful boy to push my chair."

"Weren't we careful?" a chorus of voices asked.

"Not as careful as Bobby," Mr. Hunter answered, "for when we rolled over the bridge I told you I liked to see the water. You all tried to push me as close to the edge as you could."

The boys looked at each other still puzzled.

"And—and Bobby?" Sam asked.

"When I made that same remark to Bobby," Grandpa Hunter laughed, "he said that he liked water too but that I had asked for a careful boy and it wasn't exactly being careful to roll a wheel chair too close to the edge of an open bridge."

"Well, what do you think of that?" exclaimed the other six boys.

"I think I won myself a mighty good job," Bobby chimed in, "but I'll admit I never understood until now why Mr. Hunter chose me."

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Judd Allen Assumes Key Field Pastorate

On January 8, Rev. Judd R. Allen assumed the pastorate of the Key Field Church in Meridian.

Mr. Allen is a native of Mobile, Alabama but has served two churches previously in this state, Parkway Chapel in Jackson and the East Philadelphia Church in Philadelphia.

He and his wife are both graduates of Mississippi College. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in January, 1955. Mrs. Allen has completed most of her work toward the Master of Religious Education degree at the Southwestern Seminary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION

ATTENDANCE	Feb. 10, 1957
Arkabutla	77 45
Barton (George)	108 55
Batesville, First	473 215
Belden	104 49
Bethlehem (Jones)	181 121

Biloxi, Emmanuel	262 104
Booneville, First	303 99
Brookhaven, Central	148 62
Brookhaven, First	920 277
Main	779 196
Southway	119 52
Halbert Heights	22 19
Bruce, First	295 96
Calhoun City, First	337 149
Canton, Center Ter.	297 117
Center Hill (Desoto)	49
Charleston, First	381 139
Clarksdale	525 148
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	571 183
Cleveland, First	518 137
Main School	458
Chinese Mission	60
Cleveland, Immanuel	238 146
Collins	215 112
Columbia, First	721 220
Main School	698
Col. Train School	23
Columbus, First	1140 342
Main	969 280
Fairview	156 62
Jonestown Mission	15
Concord (Choctaw)	94 64
Corinth, East	253 92
Crystal Springs	704 215
First	101 62
Highland	74 61
Derman	222 102
Dixie (Lebanon)	128 48
D'Lo	122 57
Duck Hill	61 30
Edwards	89 65
Fellowship (Choctaw)	106 71
Flowood	497 142
Forest	111 45
Furrs (Pontotoc)	102 48
Glenfield (Union Co.)	501 179
Gray's Creek (Desoto)	285 153
Greenwood, Calvary	982 327
Grenada, Emmanuel	141 98
Gulport, First	676 258
Gum Grove (Lincoln)	301 104
Hattiesburg	933 442
First	922
Immanuel	11
Main Street	226 132
Mission	384 177
39th Avenue	673 302
Houston, First	527 233
Jackson	1575 511
Alta Woods	1335 481
Broadmoor	40 30
Calvary	103
Main	757 422
Mission	1439 531
Colonial Heights	168 93
Crestwood	320 174
First	195 113
Highland	989 503
Hillcrest	524 210
Oak Forest	304 103
Parkway	217 170
Ridecrest	620 310
Robinson St.	450 204
Southside	726 235
Van Winkle	697
West Jackson	29
Kosciusko, First	673 190
Main	279 97
Mission	192 80
Laurel, First	109 43
Laurel, Wildwood	327 96
Leakesville, First	308
Linwood (Neshoba)	19
Long Beach	89 64
Main	427 172
DeLisle Mission	149 67
Longview (Oktibbeha)	37 26
Lucedale	138 50
McComb, Friendship	496 128
Friendship Mission	887 228
McComb, Locust St.	610 256
Magee, First	575 236
Meridian	488 183
First	27 29
Highland	464 167
Fifteenth Ave.	433 137
South Side	354 11
South Side Mission	212 96
Poplar Sprs. Dr.	69 29
Forty-First Ave.	294 128
State Boulevard	124 53
Eighth Avenue	187 106
Emmanuel	30 24
Oakland Heights	127 69
Key Field	384 193
Eastview	273 102
Grandview Chapel	111 91
Oak Grove	95 64
Morton, First	782 257
Main	719 214
Mission	63 43
Neshoba	129 51
New Albany, First	509 242
Main	290 155
Northside Mission	823 332
New Sight (Lincoln)	66 37
Newton, First	697 243
Pascagoula	42 35
Pascagoula, First	163 68
McArthur Chapel	417 207
Orange Grove Chapel	355 159
Main	62 48
Petal, Crestview	168 80
Petal, First	544 162
Petal-Harvey	70 43
Main	30 50
Harvey Mission	319 137
Petal, Temple	391 151
Pleasant Ridge	82 76
(Holmes)	241 124
Raworth (Scott)	108 52
Richland (Rankin)	164 73
Ripley, First	892 369
Ruth	98 25
Salem (Covington)	613 259
Skene	368 112
Soso, First	
Starkville, First	
Sunflower	
Tunola, Harrisburg	
Union, First	

REA Group To Meet On Coast

Religious education workers from every section of Mississippi are expected to attend the annual meeting of the State Baptist Religious Education Association which is scheduled to meet Feb. 18-20 at the Edge Water Gulf Hotel on the Gulf Coast.

Alton Yarborough, educational director, First Baptist Church, Laurel, president, will call the group to order at 2 p. m. on Monday. The meeting will adjourn at noon Wednesday.

The principal visiting program personality will be Dr. W. L. House, director of the Education Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, who will speak three times during the meeting.

Other officers who will be active during the conference are Curtis Beard, Jackson, vice-president; Miss Gordy Hughes, Quitman, secretary; Miss Helen Eubanks, Kosciusko, pianist; and Ben Scarborough, Waynesboro, chorister.

The social highlights will be the annual banquet on Monday evening with Bryant Cummings, educational director First Baptist Church, Jackson, as toastmaster and a social under the direction of Miss Gladys Clements, pastor's secretary, First Church, Jackson.

Other principal speakers will be Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state Baptist executive secretary; Dr. Norman O'Neal, professor of religious education, Mississippi College, Rev. Russell M. McIntire, pastor Clinton Baptist Church and pastor-advisor of the association and Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson, state associate executive secretary.

Other program personalities will include Dr. Joe H. Tuten, Biloxi; Rev. Joe Abrams, Clinton; Paul Adams, and Miss Evelyn Crooke, Meridian; Charles Rich, Kosciusko; Cecil Roper, Mrs. Ruth Dodson, Carl Kosanke, Bill Jarvis, Charles Richey, Miss Evelyn George, all of Jackson; Miss Sylvia Green, Gulfport; Miss Edith Moffitt, Greenville; and A. D. Bates, Hattiesburg.

Union (Walthall) 179 111
Wayside (Yalobusha) 27 36
West End (Winston) 94 65
West Point Calvary 282 140

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Concord (Choctaw) 82 99
Fellowship (Choctaw) 65 36
Immanuel 271 127
Houlka 174 92
Houston, First 361 172

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THE BAPTIST PROBLEM OF BIGNESS

By GAINES S. DOBBINS

Are Baptists—especially Southern Baptists—developing “big-itis”? If so, are we not to be congratulated? Granting that the ailment represents growing pains, entailing difficulties and even dangers, does it not give promise of strength and maturity? Are not its outcomes far more desirable than those of dwarfism?

Baptists are challenged by a big world. The planet Earth is small compared with some other planets; yet its importance outweighs all the other planets known to science because it is the home of man. If it were inhabited by just one man, he would give to the planet Earth more value than all the rest of the heavenly bodies in our solar system. When we consider that the present 2.7 billion people in the world will have increased to an estimated 4 billion by the close of the century, dare we think in any other than big terms? As matters now stand, fewer than one-half the people of the world have heard of Jesus Christ, fewer than one-fourth are related to him. If within less than fifty years the population practically doubles, Baptists must increase from twenty-two million to forty million if we hold our own! To make the same proportionate gain as in the past fifty years, we would have to attain a total membership by 2000 A. D. of more than one hundred million! Should we be afraid to think in such terms?

Baptists of the United States live in a big country. There are other larger land areas but a gain bulk is not the measure of significance. Whether we like it or not, the United States has become the most strategic nation on earth. The direction our nation takes will largely influence the course of history. If communism is stopped, we Americans must stop it. If war is to be outlawed, we must outlaw it. If a just and enduring peace is to be achieved, we must bring it about. If missionaries are to be sent in large numbers to regions beyond, we must send them. Baptists in their total numerical strength, represent the largest non-Catholic religious body in the United States. Upon us, therefore, rest tremendous and inescapable responsibility for making and keeping the United States Christian.

Regulation Up

The most striking social phenomenon of our decade is population growth in the United States. Between April, 1950, and July, 1956, 16.4 million people were added to the total population, a gain of 10.9 percent. Percentage-wise, Florida led the procession with a 36 percent gain or almost a million added to its population in six years. In total number, California led with nearly three million added to its population. Other states with phenomenal gains are Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah. East of the Mississippi River, gains approaching a million were made by Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, New York. The birth rate has grown from around two million during the depression years and the early years of World War II to more than four million babies a year since 1950. At the end of the line, the number of persons sixty-five years of age and above has been increasing at the rate of a half-million a year. The estimated total population of the United States by 1975 is 225 to 230 million. It is predicted that eighty percent of the population will be concentrated in or near cities, creating vast new suburbs. Relative to possibilities, all Baptist bodies of the United States should have a total of not less than thirty million members by 1975.

Baptists confront the threat of world-wide paganism. The editor of Christianity Today writes, “The West once was pagan and then became Christian; historically, it is the pagan-Christian West. Today, in contrast, it has become the Christian-pagan West. . . . Call it a return to paganism or barbarism or what one will, the fact remains that in the West for three centuries Christian influences upon society, the state and culture have decreased while secular influences have increased to dominating proportions. . . . Baptists in California feel the full impact of a Christian-pagan culture. Golden Gate Seminary is seeking to discover a strategy

of attack upon a highly polished civilization that superficially appears to be Christian but in reality is dominantly pagan. To win for Christ in such a culture is a supreme necessity.

Baptist Distinctives

Baptists have a distinctive witness in an age of confusion. Have you read Life's special Christmas number featuring “The Seven Sacraments?” The Baptist mind recoils at this frank presentation of sacramentalism as the genius of the major non-Baptist Christian bodies of the United States. One of our professors tells of attending a Greek Orthodox mass where he saw the priest forcing the communion bread into the mouth of a screaming infant! We bear witness to the falsity of all such claims of saving efficacy of baptism, the supper, or any other outward acts no matter how religiously or sincerely performed. We bear witness that Christ only is the head of the church, that he is our only mediator, that each soul has the right of direct access to God through Christ, that the conscience is free and must not be coerced, that there must be a free church in a free state, that the Bible is our sole rule of faith and practice. We believe that a church is an organized body of baptized believers, voluntarily covenanting together to practice what Christ taught, not in order to be saved but because we are saved. We stand for the equality of all believers before God and for a society with equal rights and privileges for all citizens. There is no place for intolerance in our Baptist witness—we stand for the right of every man to believe and to worship according to the dictates of his conscience. We preach and teach an undiluted gospel and profoundly convinced that this is the gospel our world desperately needs.

Baptists grow by sharing their differences as well as their agreements. We glory in our right to disagree among ourselves concerning matters that admit of difference in interpretation and concerning methods and procedures. We believe that it is just as democratic to share our honest differences as to share our conformity. Southern Baptists did not consider it an “invasion” when Northern Baptists carried on successful and helpful home mission work during reconstruction days following the Civil War. When Southern Baptists move to communities north of the Mason-Dixon line, form churches, and seek to win the lost multitudes to Christ, they would like to be thought of as allies to other Baptist groups who are often overwhelmed by the magnitude of the evangelistic and enlistment responsibilities. There is more than all of us put together can do—we should therefore seek to do together what we cannot do separately.

Pull Together

Baptists have a great commission to go and preach and teach and baptize, a great gospel to be given to a great world at a time of great need and opportunity. Once our problem was that of littleness—we were few, scattered, despised. Now our problem is that of bigness—we are many, well-organized, influential. We must not confuse numbers and wealth with spiritual power, but we can together bring our resources to Christ for his endowment of power.

Let us not be afraid of bigness! Rather, let us with the sublime confidence of Paul, confront our world and say with him: “That is why I want, as far as my ability will carry me, to preach the gospel to you who live in Rome or St. Louis, or Chicago, or New York, or Los Angeles, or San Francisco.” For I am not ashamed of the gospel. I see it as the very power of God working for the salvation of everyone who believes in, both Jew and Greek” (Rom. 1:15-16, Phillips translation).

Ohio Legislature Gets Bingo Bill

COLUMBUS, O. (RNS) — A constitutional amendment to legalize bingo for religious, charitable and fraternal groups was introduced in the state Senate by Sen. Anthony C. (D-Cleveland).

It would exempt bingo from the constitutional provision outlawing lotteries.

Seminary Extension Group Confers



Members of the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention met at New Orleans Seminary January 21-23 to discuss curriculum and promotional plans for the department.

Those attending in photo above, were left to right: Rev. Ray K. Hodge, Raleigh, N. C., associate; Dr. Lee Gailman, Jackson, director; Rev. W. A. Whitten, Jackson, associate; and Dr. Albert H. Fauth, Kansas City, associate.

The four conferred with Dr. J. Wash Watts and Dr. E. N. Patterson, both of New Orleans Seminary, who are members of the Seminary Extension Commission.

Dr. Watts is curriculum chairman and is currently working on an extension course in Old Testament.

The Seminary Extension Department centers are promoted only in the states where there is no state-wide Baptist college extension program.

Dr. Fauth, the newest member of the department, will be responsible for promoting extension centers in Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas. He was formerly director of the department of extension for Central Baptist Theological

Seminary, Kansas City, Kan.

Mr. Hodge has the territory of North Carolina; Maryland, Washington, D. C., South Carolina, and Florida; and Rev. Whitten is responsible for Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Texas.

Miss. Couple Receive Seminary Degrees



A MISSISSIPPI PASTOR and his wife were among the 32 students who received degrees or diplomas at the mid-term commencement exercises January 25 at New Orleans Seminary. Rev. Irvin L. Northcutt was awarded the bachelor of divinity degree and Mrs. Northcutt received the diploma in religious education. They hope to be appointed missionaries to South America. Mr. Northcutt is pastor of the Oakvale Church, Oakvale, Miss.

Bible Society Gets Many Varied Requests

The Translations Department of the American Bible Society gets many requests for its linguistic services. Some of them quite unusual. Recently a lady wrote to the Department, asking that a certain sentence be translated into twenty Asian languages. Her sentence was “I like Ike.”

The latest requests, which resulted in more than 115 telephone calls to the Society's Library, came from people working on a contest in the New York Herald Tribune. The information needed was the name of an Arabic scholar and medical missionary . . . who had completed the translation of the Bible into Arabic, a project begun in 1848 by another. The answer — Cornelius Van Dück.

Sunday School Department

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Mrs. C. F. Barry

Mrs. C. F. Barry, an approved worker of Florida, will direct the Cradle Roll conferences at our three Sunday school Conventions, March 12, 13, 14, in Greenwood, Brookhaven and Hattiesburg, respectively.

We hope our Cradle Roll leaders and workers over the state will surely take advantage of this fine opportunity by attending these conferences by this good worker who will be with us those three days.

Attend the Convention that is most convenient, but be sure and attend. More good Cradle Roll departments is one of our greater needs in our schools.

MARK THE DATES

Yes, sir, Sunday school people over Mississippi, it is now almost time for our annual March Sunday school Conventions. It is always a great and profitable time, and we do so much want this year to be the

best ever.

We are having three one-day Conventions this time again. Each program is the same and the program personnel is the same for each day. Choose the one that suits you best.

The places and dates are: Tuesday, March 12, First Baptist Church, Greenwood; Wednesday, March 13, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Thursday, March 14, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.



Mrs. Robert B. Burnett

The Nursery conferences at our three Sunday school Conventions, March 12-14, will be directed by Mrs. Robert B. Burnett, Nursery director of the First Baptist church of Amarillo, Texas.

Here is a very challenging opportunity for the Nursery workers of Mississippi to get some valuable help in their important work in building better Sunday schools. Do not let this pass by unwarded so far as your own school goes. Be there and get all the good things that Mrs. Burnett has for you.

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W. N. Puckett Has 90th Birthday



By JOE ABRAMS
Associate Editor

W. N. Puckett, of Columbus, well-known, prominent and successful business man and active churchman, celebrated his ninety-th birthday anniversary on Wednesday of this week.

This writer, in accompanying photo, taken on Saturday of last week, is seen congratulating Mr. Puckett on his forthcoming anniversary.

To those who may not know him, Willis Newbell Puckett, at age 90, still has his original teeth, works every day, drives his own car, is the senior deacon of the First Baptist Church, was its Sunday School superintendent for 30 years, is the father of five graduates of Mississippi College, is still chairman of the Board of the National Bank of Commerce, a most successful business man, a generous giver to Kingdom causes, including a \$25,000 gift several years ago to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

He came to Columbus from Aberdeen 59 years ago with his bride, the former Matilda Boyd of Kosciusko. His occupation was brick-laying and upon questioning, the writer learned that upon arrival in Mr. Puckett's own words, he had "one-gallus and a bicycle."

Life of Faith
With a philosophy of life built upon faith in God, industry and thrift, he soon began making his own brick, contracting, and later, with a partner, formed what is well known now as the Columbus Brick Co.

He is today the father of a large, widely-known and influential family. There are seven living children, six sons and one daughter, everyone of which is active in his own church. One, Dr. J. Niles Puckett, is professor of Bible at Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Arizona, and formerly pastor at Brooksville and Durant.

There are 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. The writer, knowing Mr. Puckett has been most successful in business, asked him what, in his opinion, are life's greatest values.

Spiritual Important
"The spiritual," he flashed back as quickly as one could expect an answer. The writer paused and Mr. Puckett continued, "Leave out the churches and there would hardly be anything left worthwhile."

Realizing that Mr. Puckett had sent five sons through Mississippi College the writer asked him his conception of Christian education.

"Christian education is the only 'safe' education," he replied after a brief pause.

Immediately after coming to Columbus 59 years ago he lined up with the local Baptist church

which is now the city's First Baptist. He has been a strong believer in the Sunday School.

He served for 30 years as active superintendent and retired only a few years ago to become superintendent emeritus, a position he still holds. In addition to other duties he always took a great delight in greeting the people as they came on Sunday morning.

Life of Simplicity
Several years ago he was instrumental in maintaining at one time seven rural brush- arbor Sunday schools in the county.

His entire life has been typified by simplicity. He has traveled very little, retires early each night and lives on a simple diet. His philanthropies have been many.

In questioning Mr. Puckett about his accomplishments he shies away from any credit for himself and is quick to give credit to the Lord and to his faithful companion who passed away only a little over two years ago.

Surely everyone will wish many more anniversaries for Mr. Puckett.

Braille Bibles Are Given To Libraries

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (RNS)

A retired New Jersey man has given the Arkansas Library Commission a 20-volume King James Version Braille Bible, weighing 90 pounds, which will be available to all blind persons in the state.

Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librarian of the commission, said the Bible would be displayed at the 36 regional libraries in Arkansas to underline the fact that the volumes may be borrowed.

The Braille Bible, the commission's first volumes available to sightless persons, was donated by E. Morris Lloyd of Montclair, N. J. He also is giving Braille Bibles to other states.

Mr. Lloyd suggested that the Bible be loaned to libraries in the state and placed on display for several days.

"This would be an inspiration and incentive to many blind people, and to many who are beginning to lose their sight," he wrote. "Friends and relatives might become interested in procuring a set for these unfortunates."

The Bible will be loaned to sightless residents of Arkansas a volume at a time after it has been displayed at the regional libraries.

OTTAWA (RNS) — In a negotiated settlement with the National Defense Department, Grey Nuns of the Cross have accepted a payment of \$649,000 for the loss of their convalescent home at Orleans village near here. It turned to the

Dr. B. L. Parkinson to Teach at Carey; Dr. Chastain Is Elected Dean of Men

William Carey College has announced the appointment of Dr. Burney Lynch Parkinson, as distinguished visiting professor of education for the second semester of the 1956-57 session.

Dr. Parkinson is an experienced educator and is well known in Mississippi. For nineteen years he served as president of Mississippi State College for Women in Columbus. During the past four years, since his retirement from MSCW, he has served as professor of education and psychology at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia.

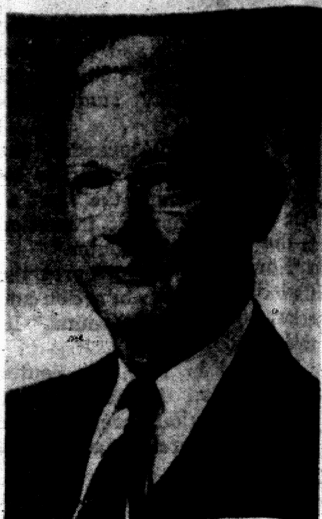
George Peabody College conferred the Ph.D. degree on Dr. Parkinson in 1927.

Dr. Parkinson will lecture in the following education courses during the second semester of the present school term which began on January 28:

Human Growth and Development, Methods and Materials of Teaching in the Secondary Schools, and Teacher and Community.

Dr. Parkinson is helping with the teaching load formerly assigned to Dr. Judson Chastain, who recently was elected Dean of Men at the college. Prof. David Yang is being relieved of some of his teaching load in order to allow him to complete his doctoral dissertation at Florida State University during the spring semester.

Dr. Judson Chastain, professor of education at the college, was elected dean of men to succeed Dr. A. M. Tste, who resigned this position effective January 31. Dr. Chastain holds the B. A. degree from Mississippi

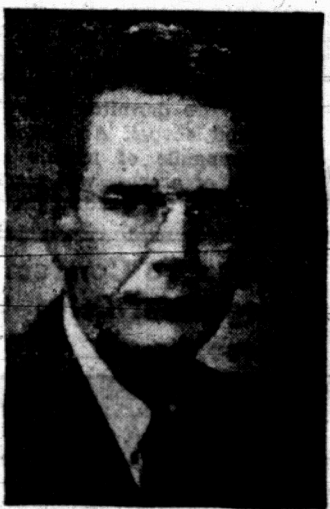


Dr. B. L. Parkinson

pi College, the M. A. degree in secondary education from Mississippi Southern College, and the Ph.D. degree with a major in New Testament from Southern Seminary. Before coming to the Carey College faculty Dr. Chastain taught for several years in public schools. He is also an ordained Baptist minister and at present the pastor of Indian Springs Church.

Dr. Chastain, who saw overseas duty as a chaplain in the South Pacific during World War II, is the son of a former Southern Baptist missionary to Mexico. He lived thirteen years in Mexico and speaks Spanish fluently. "Because of his varied experience in dealing with young men, we feel that Dr. Chastain is eminently qualified as the dean of men at Carey College," President Noonkester said.

DR. WALTER L. MOORE TO LEAD MC RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK



Dr. Walter L. Moore

Dr. Walter L. Moore, pastor of First Church, Meridian, will lead the Mississippi College Campus in a five-day Religious Emphasis Week February 18-22 pointing out the importance of Christian living in "The Life I NOW Live."

Services will be held each night except Friday in Nelson Hall, and Dr. Moore will speak at the chapel exercises during the week. A student fellowship after the service will be a feature of the Monday night plans.

The Religious Emphasis Week is designed to make students aware of the call of Christ in every occupation and type of service. The whole life must be captured for the Kingdom.

Dormitory prayer meetings are being held each day in the week preceding under the direction of Lucetta Bland in an effort to prepare each student spiritually for the coming effort.

Hospitality arrangements for Dr. Moore are under the leadership of Carol Hixon; Jerry Johnston and Theis Myers have charge of publicity arrangements.

One feature of the week will be the nightly bull sessions in the dormitories which are being planned by Paul Oliver.

The Monday fellowship is being planned by Bernard Spooner, and Jim Wilson will be in charge of procuring the ushers for each night service.

The music and musicians will be arranged by Shirley Ruth Meeks.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE LIBRARY RECEIVES SUB-GRANT OF \$300.00

The Blue Mountain College Library has received a sub-grant of \$300.00 from the grant made to the Association of College and Reference Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, which has for its purpose improvement of college library collections, equipment, and programs of library service.

Mrs. Florence F. Taylor, librarian, said that the sub-grant would be used for enlarging and strengthening the general reference collection of the library.

This is the second year of the ACRL program — financed by three grants from private industry totaling \$40,000. Blue Mountain College Library is one of 118 college and university libraries throughout the country which were awarded sub-grants. The United States Steel Foundation gave \$30,000 "to strengthen or modernize library; teaching or learning tools;" \$5,000 was granted by the New York Times for library purchase of microfilm back copies of the newspaper; and \$5,000 came from Remington Rand Division

ground when struck by a Royal Canadian Air Force twin-jet plane last May.

Names In The News

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, taught the Book of Romans in a special study at First Church, Canton, February 7-10.

Mrs. Tom Bush has been serving as Educational Secretary at First Church, Columbus, on an interim basis, for the past several months. Miss Betty Jo Peeler of Kosciusko will assume the duties of this office on February 15. Dr. S. R. Woodson is the pastor.

Rev. Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, secretary of Evangelism of the American Baptist Convention, will speak on CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" Sunday, Feb. 17 at 10:30-11:00 P. M. EST, on the subject of "A Disciplined Faith." Choral music for the service will be provided by the chapel choir of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Ridgewood, New Jersey.

John Haggal, pastor, Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, has resigned to do full-time evangelistic work.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brazil, may now be addressed at Caixa Postal, 2, Cidade da Barra, Estado da Bahia, Brazil. Dr. Kolb is to be the director of the Baptist Industrial Institute in Corrente. He is a native of Blue Springs, Miss., and he and Mrs. Kolb make their permanent American home in Hickory Flat.

J. Howard Williams, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary president, delivered the keynote address at the National Conference on Church and State at Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 5. The National Conference is sponsored by Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

Dr. Loren Williams, Editor, Church Music Materials, and Editor, Literary Section of the CHURCH MUSICIAN, Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board, was one of the alumni to receive the Life Service Award presented on February 5 at the annual Efficiency School at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri. This is the highest honor the college bestows.

Rev. Louis Ward Stanger, pastor of Bon Aire Baptist Chapel, Evansville, Indiana, is closing a ministry of more than five years in this Indiana city on March 7. After that date he will be open for supply work or an interim pastorate. Mr. Stanger was a pastor in Mississippi from 1948 to 1951. He can be reached at 1514 E. Morgan Avenue, Evansville, Indiana. The Evansville church is one of fifteen in this Ohio river city where Southern Baptists are carrying on an aggressive ministry.

Richard H. Anglin, Church Clerk, has sent to the Baptist Record a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Priceville Church near Tupelo expressing "sincere gratitude to Brother Frank Roblin and his family for kindnesses they have rendered to the church and its people—to Brother Roblin especially for his inspiring sermons and carrying forward the work of the church, and to Mrs. Roblin for her efforts in organizing the choir—and furnishing lovely music for all the services." Mr. Roblin resigned at Priceville to accept the pastorate of the McLain Church. Mrs. Roblin served as music director at Priceville during their four years there.

Miss Gladys Keith, missionary, Rachel Sims Mission, New Orleans, is one of the speakers at the Vocational Emphasis Week in progress at Blue Mountain College this week. Others include Mrs. R. C. McGlamery, former missionary to Colombia, South America; Maurice Willis, BSU Secretary, University of Alabama; Miss Jane Anderson, director of student activities, Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis; Mrs. Maureen Collins Norman, faculty member, Houston Public Schools, Houston; and Mrs. W. L. May, member of the Blue Mountain High School faculty, Blue Mountain. The theme of the week is "My Candle—My Calling."

Woman's Missionary Union

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Home Mission Week of Prayer

March 4-5, 1957
Theme: OUR MISSION IN HOME MISSIONS
Goal: \$2,000,000

Last year Mississippi WMU gave \$88,357.65 and we are hoping for \$100,000 this year! The needs are great, the territory of Home Missions is greatly enlarged and now is our opportunity.

I'm Going To Preach

Bill Jones is fourteen years old. He has followed the crops from Florida to Maryland but by working very hard his parents have kept him in school part of the time at least. He has a keen mind and likes to go to hear our migrant missionary preach.

One day Mr. Mayo asked all the Christians to raise their hands. Bill's hand shot straight up. After the service he went to the missionary. "More than anything else I want to be a preacher," he said.

Pray that he may become as successful and outstanding a preacher as George Washington Carver was a scientist.

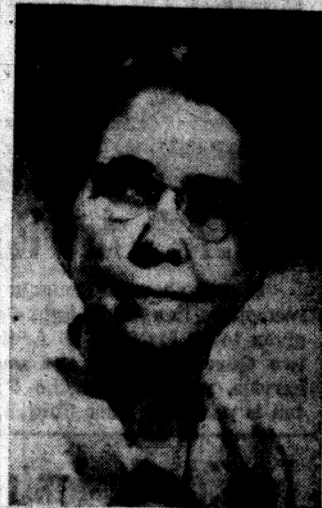
Our migrant missionary work is supported largely through the Annie Armstrong Offering and through it the Home Mission Board has money for scholarships to help train Negro preachers. We must reach and pass the offering goal of \$2,000,000.

Eleven Pounds in Three Weeks
Do you really know the many things migrant missionaries do for the people who serve us under such difficult circumstances?

Four-year old Louise cried all the time. Nobody had time to take care of her. The crops must be picked while ripe; work, work, let the child cry.

But Mrs. Mayo saw her—so thin, so unkempt, so fearful. She took her to the kindergarten where she had a bath, a clean place to rest all day, one good meal a day—and because she was so thin some extra food, too.

In three weeks she had gained eleven pounds. Her cheeks were rosy. Her crying stopped. Her disposition changed; somebody loved her, cared for her, fed her. "Was that somebody you?" Yes, if you gave generously to the Annie Armstrong Offering last year. Yes, if you give worthily this year for from this offering \$25,000 will go to ten migrant missionaries and their work. That isn't much but at least one little girl is grateful.



Miss Juliette Mather
Sails on March 15

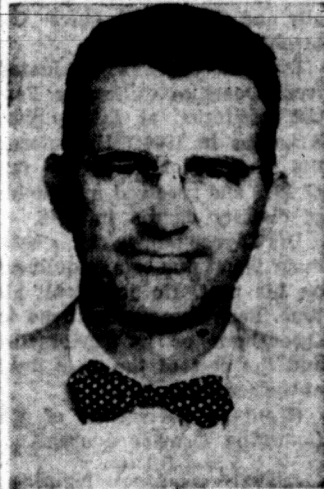
Miss Juliette Mather sails on the SS Cleveland from San Francisco for Japan on March 15. She will begin work at once in Japan Baptists' boys school at Fukuoka where she will teach English.

For thirty-five years and eight months Miss Mather has been employed by Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, first as young people's secretary and later as editorial secretary. Her sphere of influence has been wide and varied as she led out in initial camping for Baptist youth, both at Ridgcrest and in the states. The missionary education of young people has been her lifetime concern as she has strengthened Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador and Sunbeam Band work through manuals, leaflets, but most especially through missionary magazines for youth.

During the winter meeting of the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Mather was honored at a luncheon by that Board. Quite appropriately, present at that luncheon were also state youth secretaries, executive secretaries, WMU headquarters personnel and missionaries.

Japan's youth will be blessed by the life and work of this consecrated Christian woman who goes to live among them.

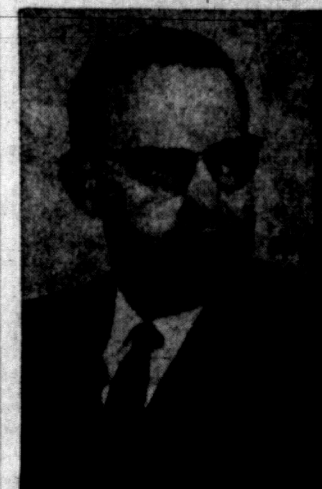
SNAFU — ASSUME NEW POSITIONS



Rev. Sam Brown

Shown above are Rev. Sam Brown (left) who recently resigned the pastorate at Ackerman to become pastor at Bruce, and Donald Winters (right) who is the newly elected Minister of Music at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

Due to a printshop error, Mr. Brown's picture appeared with an article concerning Mr. Winters and Mr. Winters' picture appeared with an article concerning Mr. Brown in the February 7 issue of the Baptist Record. Mr. Winters is head of the Music Department at William Carey College.



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State Department Opposes Clergymen Visiting China

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) —The State Department has indicated its disapproval of a proposal that a group of American clergymen visit Communist China.

The department made known its views in a letter to Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals. The letter thanked Dr. Taylor for the NAE's "efforts to discourage travel by American citizens to the Communist-controlled mainland of China under existing circumstances."

It was signed by Walter P. McCaughy, Director for Chinese Affairs of the State Department, who said he was writing "for the Secretary of State."

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68 G. A.'s Are Recognized In Pascagoula Coronation

Shown above are members of the Girls' Auxiliary of the First Church, Pascagoula, who were recognized in a candle-light Coronation Service on January 30. In the service recognition was given to 26 Maidens, 13 Ladies-in-Waiting, 16 Princesses, four Queens, six Queens with Scepter, two Queen Regents, and one Queen in Service. Miss Mary Kay Higginbotham, as Queen in Service, reigned over the Court. Mrs. Herbert Slade is Youth Director, and Dr. Eugene Skelton is pastor at First Church, Pascagoula.

Foreign Students at Blue Mountain



Students are enrolled at Blue Mountain College from many of the Counties of Mississippi, every Southern State, and from every Continent of the World except one. Pictured above, left to right are: May Wu, Hong Kong, China; Jun Han, Seoul, Korea; Tina Teng, Taipei, Taiwan, Formosa; and Anna Arawa, Puenene, Maui, Hawaii.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Joseph B. Nolls, Clinton; Rev. D. E. Henderson, Collins; Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Hughes, Seminary; Rev. James P. Gilbert, Clara; Tom Hutcherson, Clara.

"CONSIDER"

By DAVID E. MASON

Consider great, great Uncle Means Johnston. He was 5 ft. 11 inches tall. I never knew him, but I know enough about him to wish I had. He lived his life full, but in youth he had a deep regret. His regret was that he was 5 ft. 11 in. and not a full 6 ft. tall. It makes a lot of difference, you know. As long as he was to be 5' 11" he thought the Lord could have done a good job of it and made him an even 6 ft. But, in later years, Uncle Means didn't worry about being 5' 11"—and therein lies a tale.

He was in the army—the Confederate Army. He was in Vicksburg—Vicksburg Mississippi. So were a lot of other members of the Confederate Army—but not enough. There were some other soldiers and sailors around Vicksburg—Union soldiers and sailors—shooting at Uncle Means and his comrades. Uncle Means decided to look back—and shoot back. Up popped his head—zip went a bullet. He felt his head. His hair and scalp were neatly parted, but his skull was intact. Uncle Means was glad he was 5' 11".

PROTESTANT CENTER DEDICATES RADIO AND TELEVISION STUDIO

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS)—The Protestant Radio and Television Center here will dedicate its new \$250,000 TV studio Feb. 18-19.

Dr. John M. Alexander, the center's president, said the inaugural will mark the start of "the most important transition in the life of the center."

"Now we shall interpret the Christian message in action and color, as well as in sound," he said.

Founded in 1949, the center produces and distributes radio and TV religious programs for use by commercial stations and church groups.

It is owned jointly by five denominations—Methodist, Episcopal, United Lutheran, Presbyterian U. S. (Southern),

and Presbyterian USA. The center's religious radio shows are now distributed on magnetic tape to some 740 stations in this country and to the Armed Forces radio network.

Major part of the new studio is a huge sound stage where TV shows will be filmed or broadcast live. It is two stories high, covering 4,216 square feet of floor space, and accommodates at least six different sets with ample room for cameras, lights, sound equipment, staff and cast.

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Methodists Get Foundation Grant For New Seminary

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—A \$1,500,000 grant has been made by the Kresge Foundation of Detroit to help build The Methodist Church's new 350-student Wesley Theological Seminary here.

The gift, contingent on a matching sum to be raised by the Church, was announced jointly by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington and Dr. Norman L. Trott, president of the 75-year old Westminster, Md., Theological Seminary which will move here as the nucleus of the new institution.

Bishop Oxnam said that the grant "assures the building of the first theological seminary in the nation's capital under the auspices of a Protestant church."

The seminary will be located on a nine acre plot at American University, also a Methodist institution. Ground will be broken in April for construction of the first of six basic buildings to comprise the \$3,000,000 institution, Dr. Trott said. The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 1958.

Of contemporary architecture, the seminary's principal buildings will comprise an administration building, a classroom building, two dormitories, a library and chapel. An 85-foot-high campanile of marble in the form of a cross will mark the center of the quadrangle.

E. Columbia Revival To Begin On Feb. 17



Rev. Vernon May

The winter revival of the East Columbia Church will begin Sunday, February 17, and continue through the following Friday night, February 22. Services for Sunday will be at eleven o'clock A. M. and 7:30 P. M. During the week the services will be at 7:00 P. M.

The speaker for the week will be Rev. Vernon May, pastor of the Tylertown Church. The music will be under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Arnold Hamnford.

Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary



Oldest Manuscript Gospel Of John Now Published

The papyrus Bodmer II, which contains the oldest known manuscript of the first fourteen chapters of the Gospel of St. John, has now been published by the Bodmer Library in Geneva.

The editor, Professor Victor Martin of the University of Geneva, says in his introduction that the experts who have studied the reproductions of this codex are agreed that according to the paleographical evidence this manuscript was written at the beginning of the third century—or possibly about 200 A. D. Thus this papyrus is probably a full century older than the other manuscripts which give the full text of St. John (i.e. the Vatican and the Sinaiticus).

This important new text will now have to be studied by the specialist in textual criticism.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Impson, members of Hopewell Church near Monroe for the past fifty years, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, January 27. Mrs. Impson, the former Miss Mattie Purvis, was born in Winnsboro, Louisiana; Mr. Impson is a native of Franklin County. They have lived at Monroe for 49 years.

Among the 100 guests attending the anniversary celebration were Rev. Franklin Hare, a former pastor; seven of the couple's eight children, and eleven of their 16 grandchildren. (They also have one great grandchild. One son, Hugh, Jr., is in Germany and could not be present).

The general impression which the manuscript makes is that it differs from the known manuscripts at many points in matters of ordering of the words or of style, but that there are few or no variations of substance.

Student and Seminary Parting After 11 Years



Twelve years, two churches, and 220,000 miles after he enrolled in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, Kentucky, Millard Ross Cherry emerged with a doctor-of-theology degree.

He received the degree at midsession commencement exercises of the institution.

His continuous residence at the seminary is one of the longest on record. As pastor of Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro, from 1944 to 1952, he supervised the construction of a \$120,000 building completed in 1949.

As pastor of the Little Mount Baptist Church at Taylorsville from 1952 to the present, he guided construction of a \$40,000 building. It was finished in 1952.

In commuting weekends from the seminary to the two churches, he estimates he drove 20,000 miles a year, or a total of 220,000 miles in the 11 years.

On leaving the seminary, which has been home to him for so long, Dr. Cherry said: "I love this place. I have no family except one brother, so if anything happens to me the seminary will get whatever I've got."

The 35-year-old bachelor, a native of Franklin, Kentucky, said "the seminary and my church are my life and my

purpose in living."

GOING TO TAYLORSVILLE

He plans to take up residence in Taylorsville and continue as pastor at Little Mount. Eventually he hopes to enter the teaching ministry.

Dr. Cherry was graduated from Ouachita College, a Baptist institution at Arkadelphia, Arkansas in 1944. He entered the seminary here in the fall of 1945 and received a bachelor of divinity degree in 1948.

His 12-year tenure at the seminary is not due to any dullness on his part. He just took his time. Each summer he lived in Owensboro or in Taylorsville and the rest of the year lived at the seminary.

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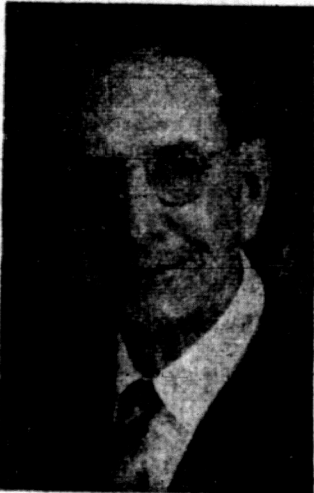
THE SURVEY BULLETIN

By J. P. Edmunds

This is where Americans keep their savings: life insurance, 32 per cent; savings bonds, 21 per cent; commercial banks, 19 per cent; savings and loan associations, 14 per cent; mutual savings banks, 12 per cent; credit unions, 1 per cent; postal savings, 1 per cent.

According to the Atlantic Institute, which has completed a study of where the commercial recreation dollar goes, Americans spend more money playing golf than any other sport covered by the report—\$334,243,000. Hunting, fishing, and college football were not included in the survey. The nation's bowlers average spending \$196,840,000 every year, making bowling the second highest benefactor of the commercial dollar. No. 3 is billiards, which includes pool, and a yearly average expenditure of \$74,981,000. Baseball ranks fourth with \$53,410,000. Other sources place expenditures for hunting and fishing at almost \$3 billion, and make about \$3 million for college football.

Lauderdale Assoc. Dedicates Minutes To Burt Lowry



W. Burt Lowry

The recently published 1956 Associational Minutes for the Lauderdale Association were dedicated to Walsio Burt Lowry.

Mr. Lowry for 18 years served in the capacity of Sunday School Superintendent for the Baptist churches of Lauderdale County. This dedication came in recognition of his faithful and loyal service.

The inscription read "To Brother Burt Lowry, helper and Counselor of Sunday school workers, friend and defender of pastors, untiring worker for wider and better Bible teaching, devoted servant of God, we dedicate the 1956 minutes of the Lauderdale County Baptist Association."

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Ackerman W. M. U. Sponsors Tea

The Woman's Missionary Union at Ackerman sponsored a tea on Thursday afternoon, January 24, honoring Mrs. Sam Brown prior to her moving to her husband's new field of service. (Rev. Sam Brown has resigned the pastorate at Ackerman to become the new pastor at Bruce.)

Mrs. J. E. Carr and Mrs. W. S. Moore presided at the silver service, pouring coffee and tea. The honoree received with Mrs. Wilton Walters, W. M. U. President, and Mrs. Wortley Long, Chairman of the Business Women's Circle. Mrs. Brown's gift cottage was of red earnings.

Theme Announced For Conferences

"Let Us Do All Things for the Glory of Christ" will be the theme of the annual Stewardship and Evangelistic Conferences sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer and Dr. Wm. A. Keel, Director Program of Work with Negroes.

Two conferences are scheduled this year, one at Sophia Sutton Mission near Prentiss, Feb. 19-20 and one at Parish Street Baptist Church, Jackson, Feb. 21-22.

The opening conference will deal with the mission area and future plans for the assembly.

Speakers will include Dr. Guy Bellamy, secretary, Program of Work with Negroes, Home Mission Board; Dr. Quarles; Rev. Eddie D. Barnes, president, East Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. Keel; S. L. Redmond, member of Advisory Council; U. S. Polk, chairman, Improvement Committee; Rev. O. L. Williams, Associational Moderator; Dr. Wm. P. Davis, chairman, Seminary Board of Trustees; Dr. R. W. Woulard, president, South Mississippi Baptist Convention; Mrs. Eddie Barnes; Rev. H. C. Cherry, moderator of Bolivar County Association; and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, president, Prentiss Institute.

The second conference will deal with the preparation for the world-wide Baptist revival, the work of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary System, and the training of leaders.

Additional speakers at this meeting will include Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of the Baptist Record and Dr. Joe T. Odle, associate executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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There are 18,491 motion picture theaters in the country and their total yearly receipts are approximately \$1,407,151,000. There are 5,062 bowling alleys, whose receipts are \$196,840,000; 2,288 dance halls and studios, whose receipts are \$12,195,000; 1,799 skating rinks, whose receipts are \$31,642,000.

Simpson To Conduct Enlargement Drive In Brookhaven



William J. Simpson

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—William J. Simpson, Director of Young People's Work, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will conduct a Baptist Training Union Enlargement Campaign February 17 through 22 at First Church, Brookhaven.

A native of Texas, Simpson is a graduate of Baylor University and holds the Master of Religious Education Degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has also done graduate work at Southwestern Seminary.

Prior to coming to the Sunday School Board in 1955, Simpson was Minister of Education at the First Church, Decatur, Ga. He served for three years as associate in the Sunday School Department of the Texas Baptist General Convention, Dallas.



Memphis Ministers Denounce Bills As Threats To Liberty

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (RNS)—The 250-member Memphis Ministers Association here denounced three proposed state laws as "definite threats to freedom" in Tennessee.

Dr. Robert S. Hough, president of the association which represents most white Protestant ministers in Memphis, said the bills were directed against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Introduced into the legislature by the Shelby County delegation, the measures would require registration of persons and organizations engaged in promoting or opposing legislation "in behalf of or in opposition to a race or color." They also would require individuals or groups soliciting or spending funds to finance the litigation of others to file detailed information with the secretary of state.

This provision, Dr. Hough said, might prevent "almost any organization or group including churches" from making test cases in court.

Receives Big Majority

The clergymen's resolution, passed by an "overwhelming majority" at a meeting of the association, declared it is the "right conferred by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights that any individual or group may have the benefit of counsel in the courts of our land."

"How such counsel is chosen and compensated is a matter of concern only to the person or group whose rights are before the courts," the resolution continued. "Denial of these rights is contrary to basic American freedom."

"The founding fathers of our republic recognized that any attempt to restrict the rights of individuals to organize and to present their petitions is a suppression of freedom which could sap the vitality of our democracy."

The ministers also said they saw in the proposed legislation "no contributing influence toward peaceful relationship between the competent elements of the citizenry," a principle to which they were committed.

Off The Record

Two members of a north country church were talking about their minister's singing voice.

One said: "They say his singing over the radio helped sell thousands of radio sets."

"I can quite believe that," said the other. "After hearing him, I sold mine."

The teacher in a little backwoods school was at the blackboard explaining arithmetic problems, and was delighted to see that the gangling lad, her dullest pupil, was giving slack-jawed attention. Her happy thought was that, at last, he was beginning to understand. So when she had finished, she said to him: "You were so interested, Cicero, that I'm certain you want to ask more questions."

"Yes'm," drawled Cicero. "I got one to ask—where do them figures go when you rub 'em out?"

The story is told that a Chinese who was attending one of our colleges was writing back to China, telling his friends and relatives about American institutions.

He defined an American university as follows: "An American university is a vast athletic association where, however, some studies are maintained for the benefit of the feeble bodied."

A woman walked into a millinery shop and pointed out a hat in the window. "That red one with the feathers and berries," she said. "Would you take it out of the window for me?"

"Certainly, madam," the clerk replied. "We'd be glad to."

"Thank you very much," said the woman moving toward the exit. "The horrible thing bothers me every time I pass."—Successful Farming.

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